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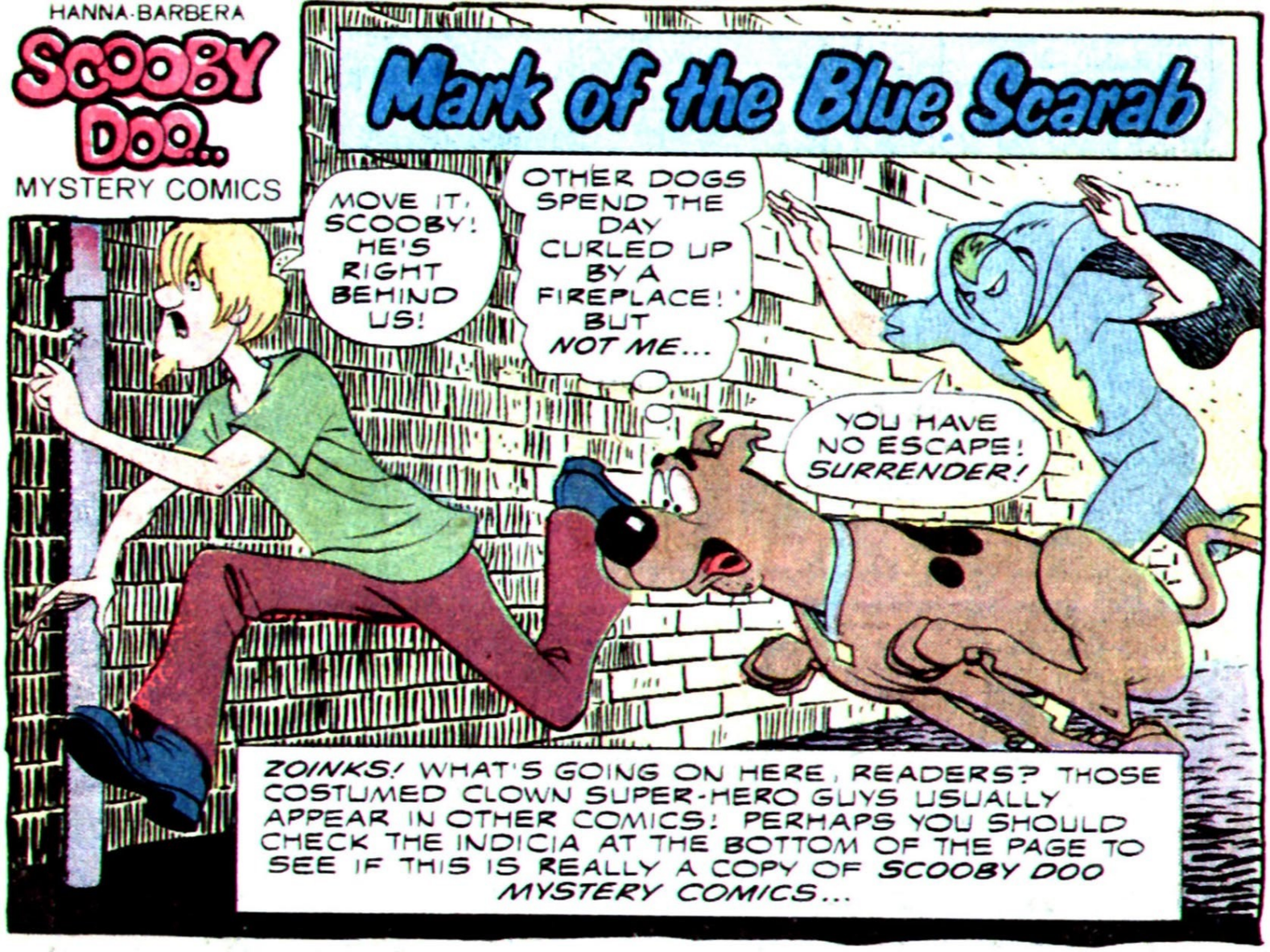
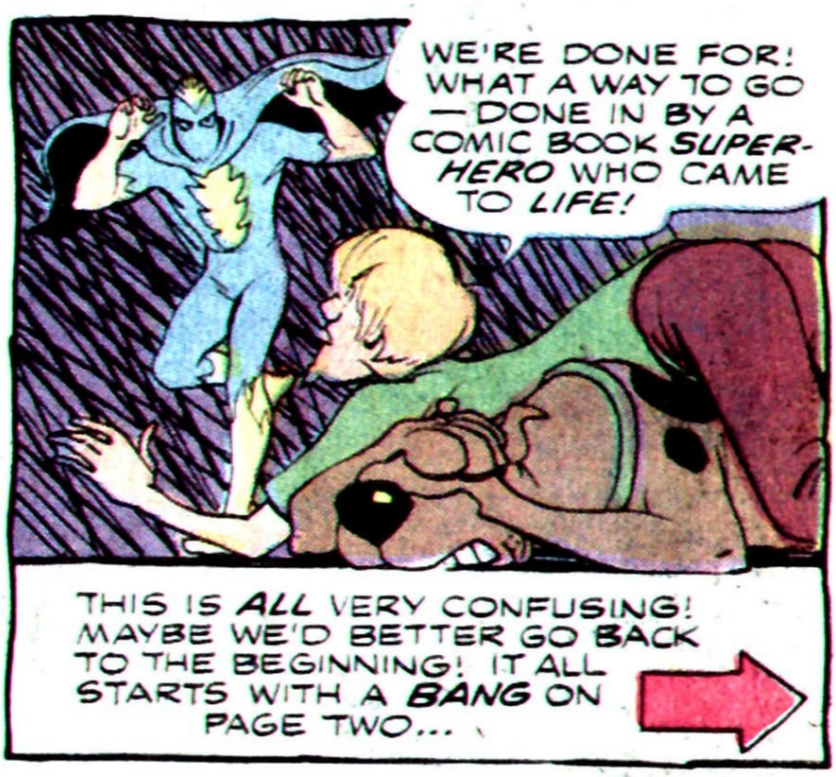

MOVE IT, SCOOBY! HE'S RIGHT BEHIND US!
OTHER DOGS SPEND THE DAY CURLED UP BY A FIREPLACE! BUT NOT ME...
YOU HAVE NO ESCAPE! SURRENDER!
ZOINKS! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, READERS? THOSE COSTUMED CLOWN SUPER-HERO GUYS USUALLY APPEAR IN OTHER COMICS! PERHAPS YOU SHOULD CHECK THE INDICIA AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE TO SEE IF THIS IS REALLY A COPY OF SCOOBY DOO MYSTERY COMICS...


WE'RE DONE FOR! WHAT A WAY TO GO —DONE IN BY A COMIC BOOK SUPER-HERO WHO CAME TO LIFE!
THIS IS ALL VERY CONFUSING! MAYBE WE'D BETTER GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING! IT ALL STARTS WITH A BANG ON PAGE TWO...

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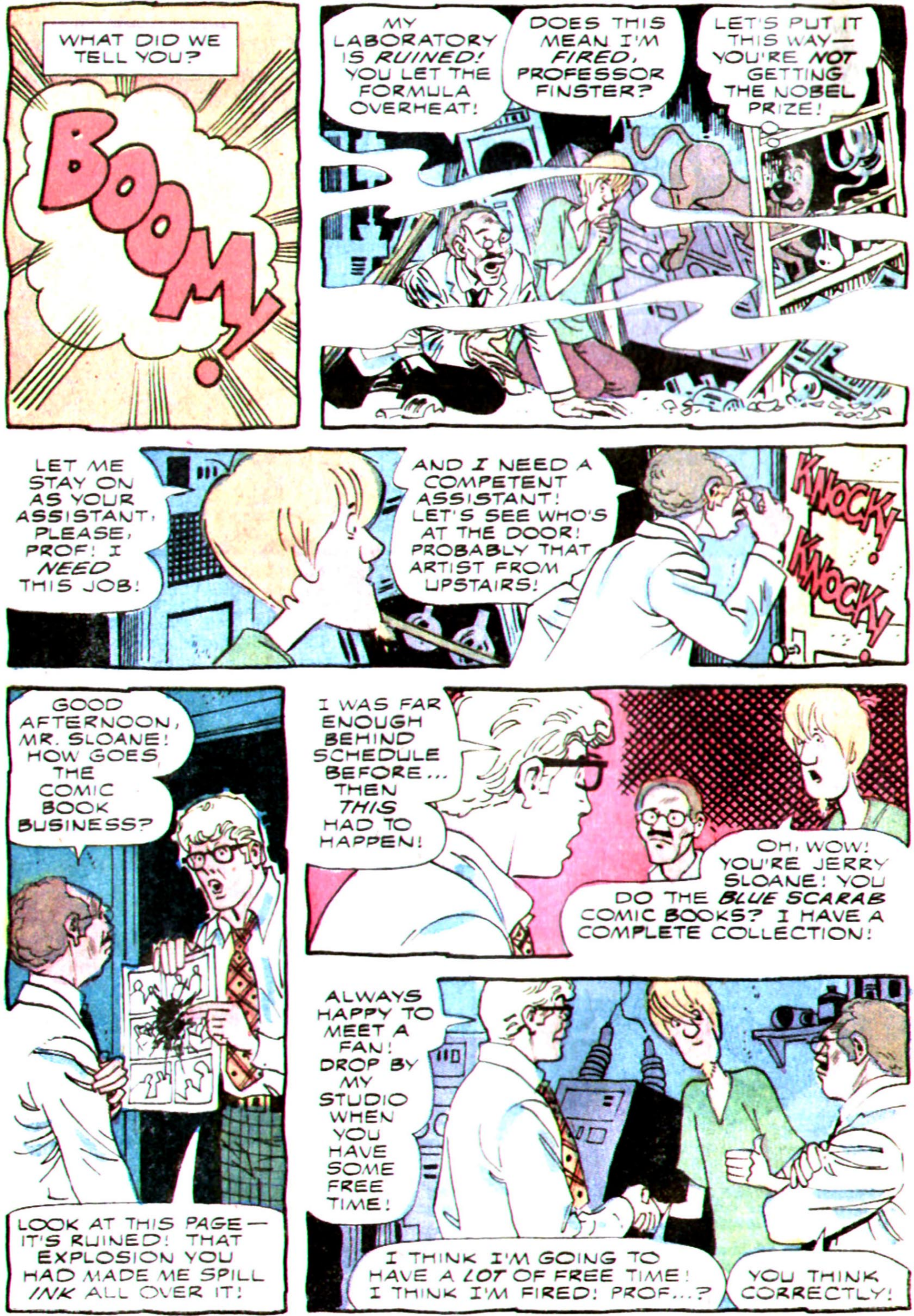
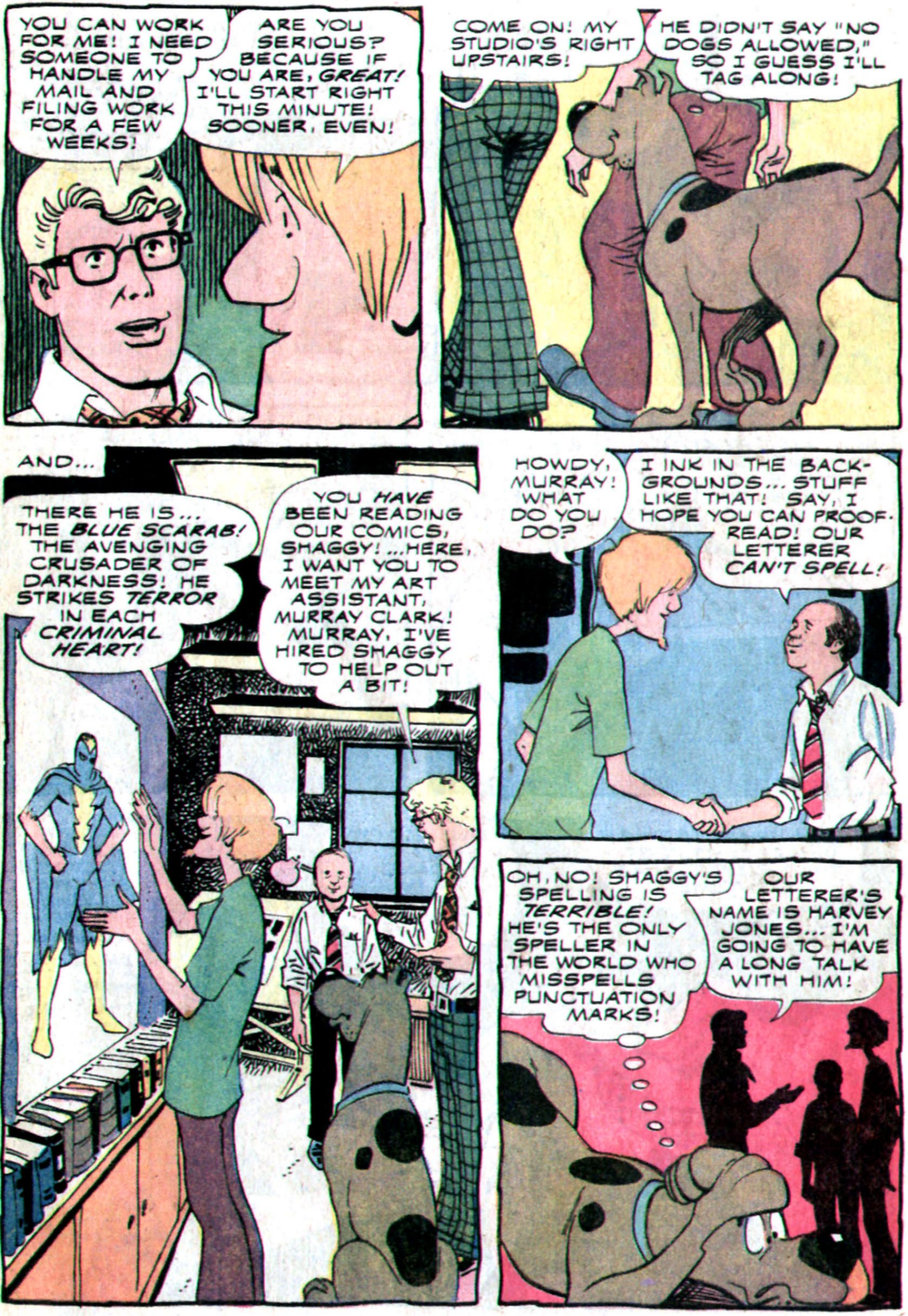
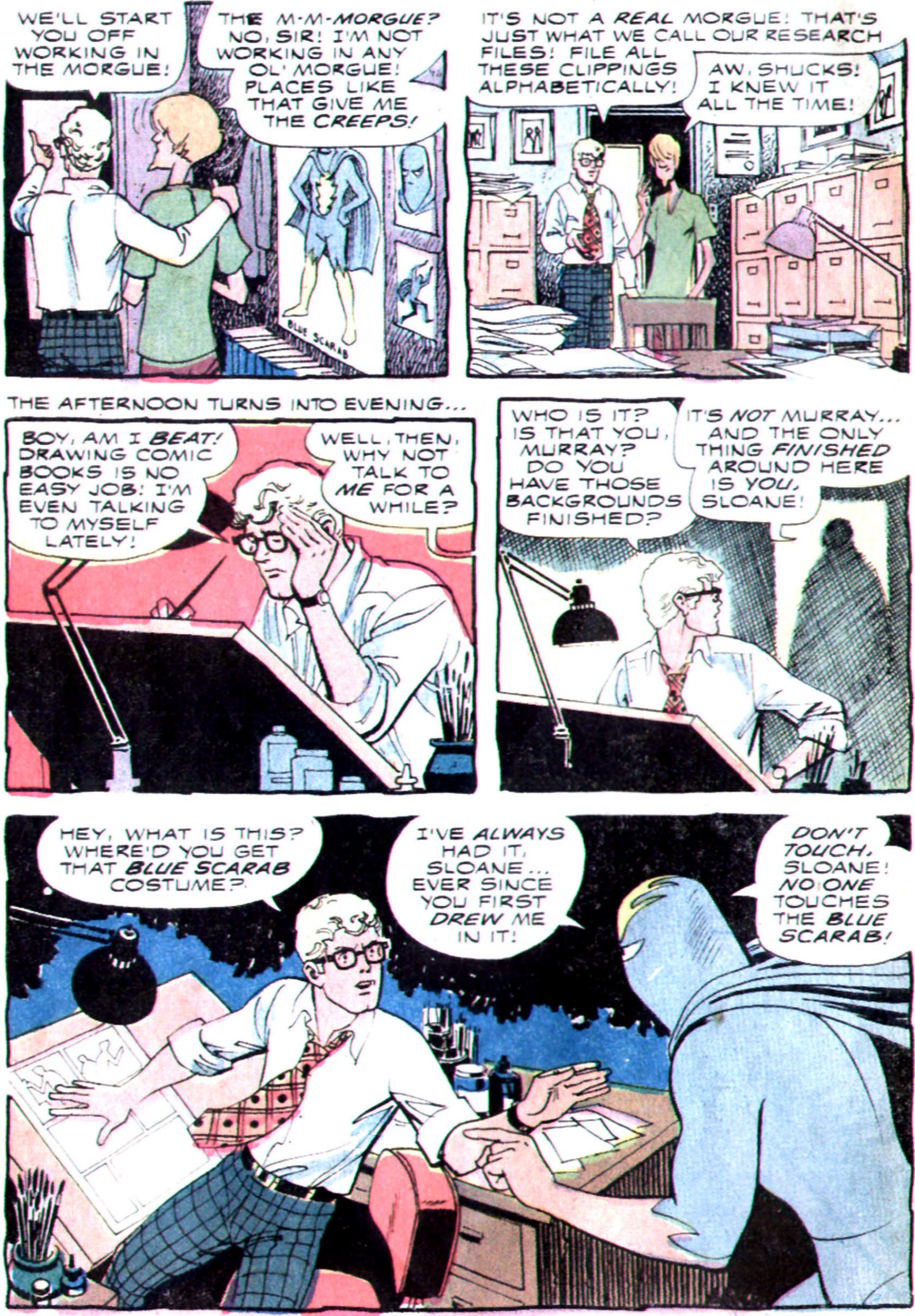
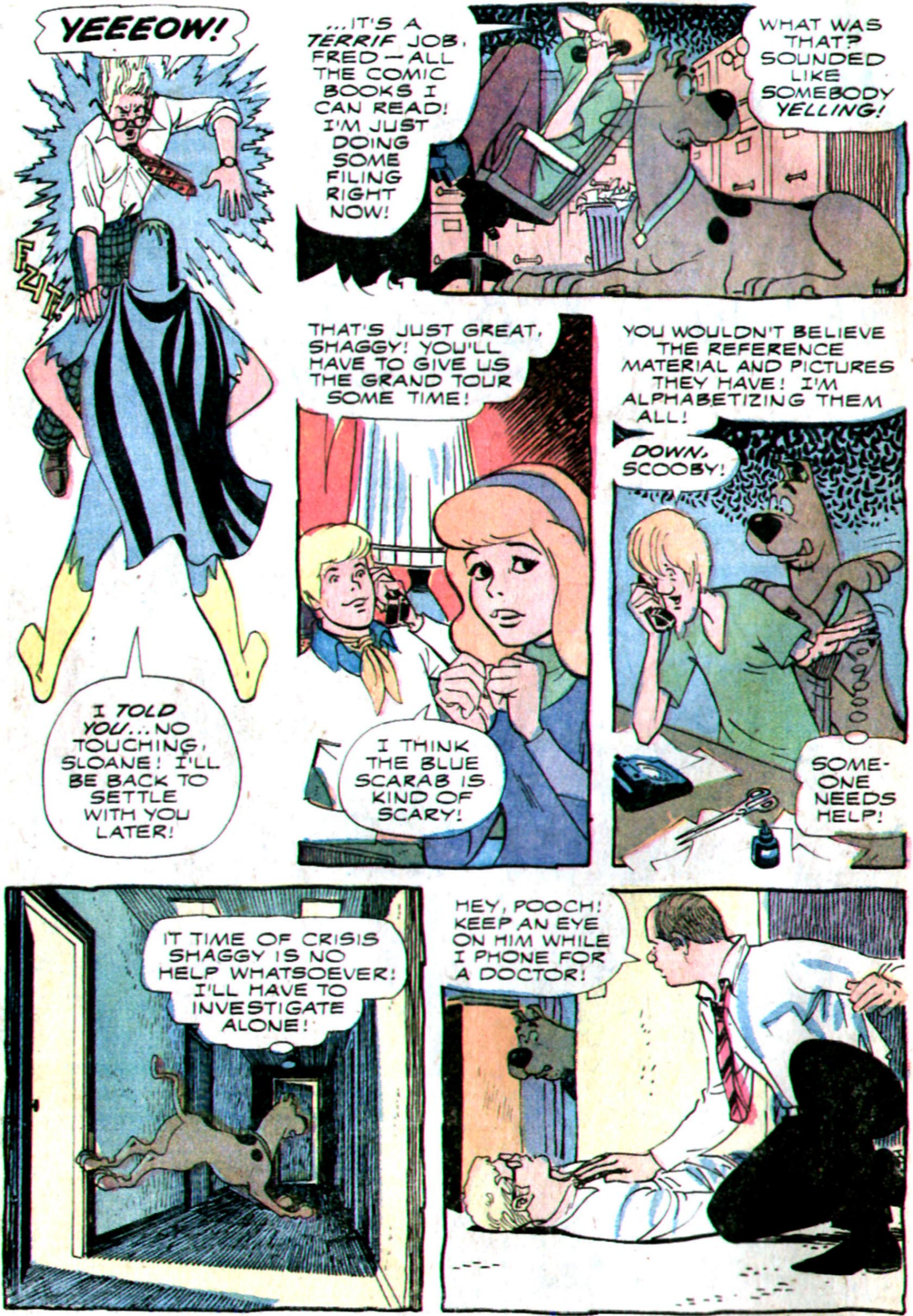
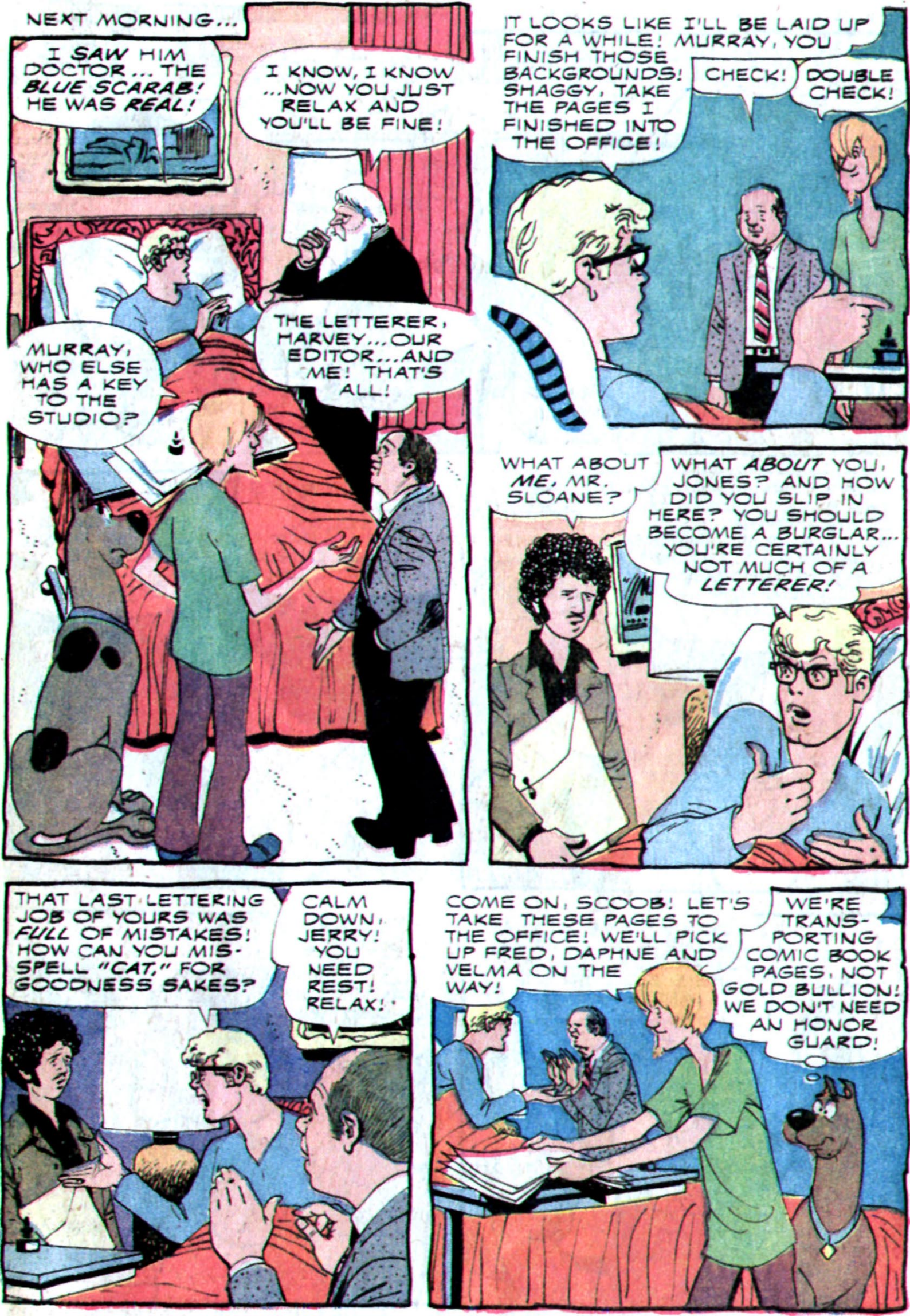
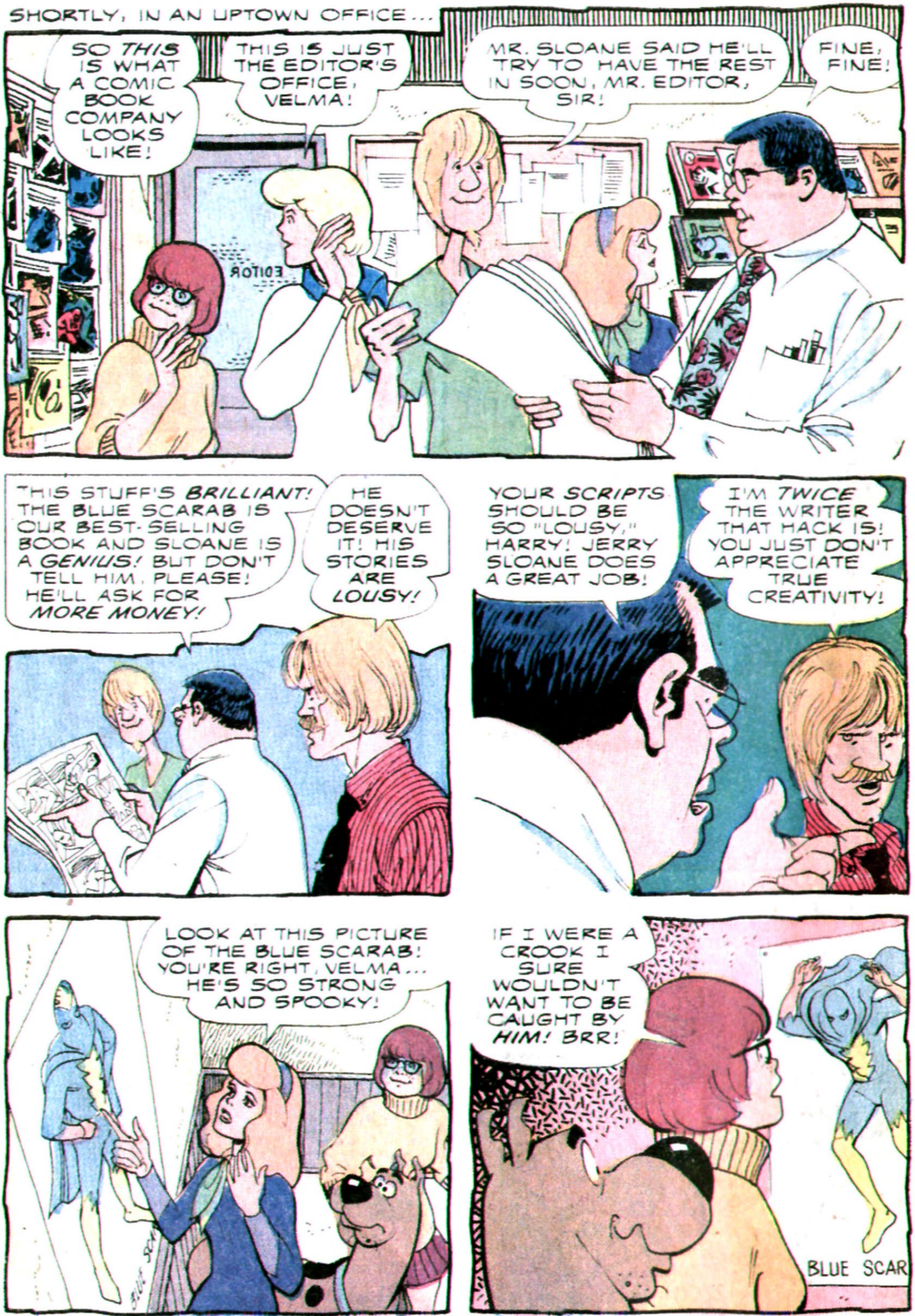

WHAT DID WE TELL YOU?
BOOM!
MY LABORATORY IS RUINED! YOU LET THE FORMULA OVERHEAT!
DOES THIS MEAN I'M FIRED, PROFESSOR FINSTER?
LET'S PUT IT THIS WAY— YOU'RE NOT GETTING THE NOBEL PRIZE!
LET ME STAY ON AS YOUR ASSISTANT, PLEASE, PROF! I NEED THIS JOB!
AND I NEED A COMPETENT ASSISTANT! LET'S SEE WHO'S AT THE DOOR! PROBABLY THAT ARTIST FROM UPSTAIRS!
KNOCK! KNOCK!
GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. SLOANE! HOW GOES THE COMIC BOOK BUSINESS?
LOOK AT THIS PAGE— IT'S RUINED! THAT EXPLOSION YOU HAD MADE ME SPILL INK ALL OVER IT!
I WAS FAR ENOUGH BEHIND SCHEDULE BEFORE... THEN THIS HAD TO HAPPEN!
OH, WOW! YOU'RE JERRY SLOANE! YOU DO THE BLUE SCARAB COMIC BOOKS? I HAVE A COMPLETE COLLECTION!
ALWAYS HAPPY TO MEET A FAN! DROP BY MY STUDIO WHEN YOU HAVE SOME FREE TIME!
I THINK I'M GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF FREE TIME! I THINK I'M FIRED! PROF...?
YOU THINK CORRECTLY!

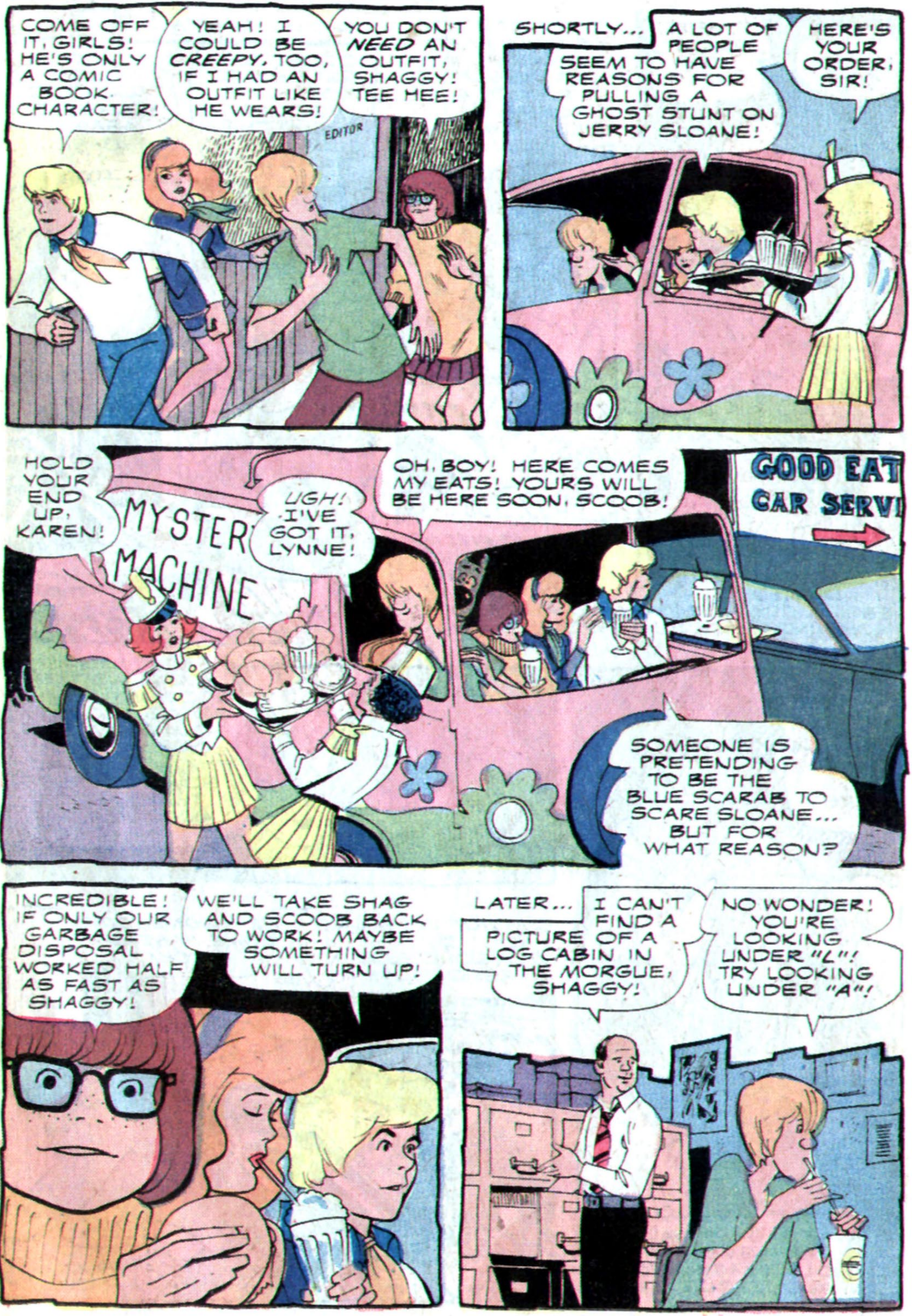

YOU CAN WORK FOR ME! I NEED SOMEONE TO HANDLE MY MAIL AND FILING WORK FOR A FEW WEEKS!
ARE YOU SERIOUS? BECAUSE IF YOU ARE, GREAT! I'LL START RIGHT THIS MINUTE! SOONER, EVEN!
COME ON! MY STUDIO'S RIGHT UPSTAIRS!
HE DIDN'T SAY "NO DOGS ALLOWED," SO I GUESS I'LL TAG ALONG!
AND...
THERE HE IS... THE BLUE SCARAB! THE AVENGING CRUSADER OF DARKNESS! HE STRIKES TERROR IN EACH CRIMINAL HEART!
YOU HAVE BEEN READING OUR COMICS, SHAGGY! ...HERE, I WANT YOU TO MEET MY ART ASSISTANT, MURRAY CLARK! MURRAY, I'VE HIRED SHAGGY TO HELP OUT A BIT!
HOWDY, MURRAY! WHAT DO YOU DO?
I INK IN THE BACK-GROUNDS... STUFF LIKE THAT! SAY, I HOPE YOU CAN PROOF-READ! OUR LETTERER CAN'T SPELL!
OH, NO! SHAGGY'S SPELLING IS TERRIBLE! HE'S THE ONLY SPELLER IN THE WORLD WHO MISSPELLS PUNCTUATION MARKS!
OUR LETTERER'S NAME IS HARVEY JONES... I'M GOING TO HAVE A LONG TALK WITH HIM!

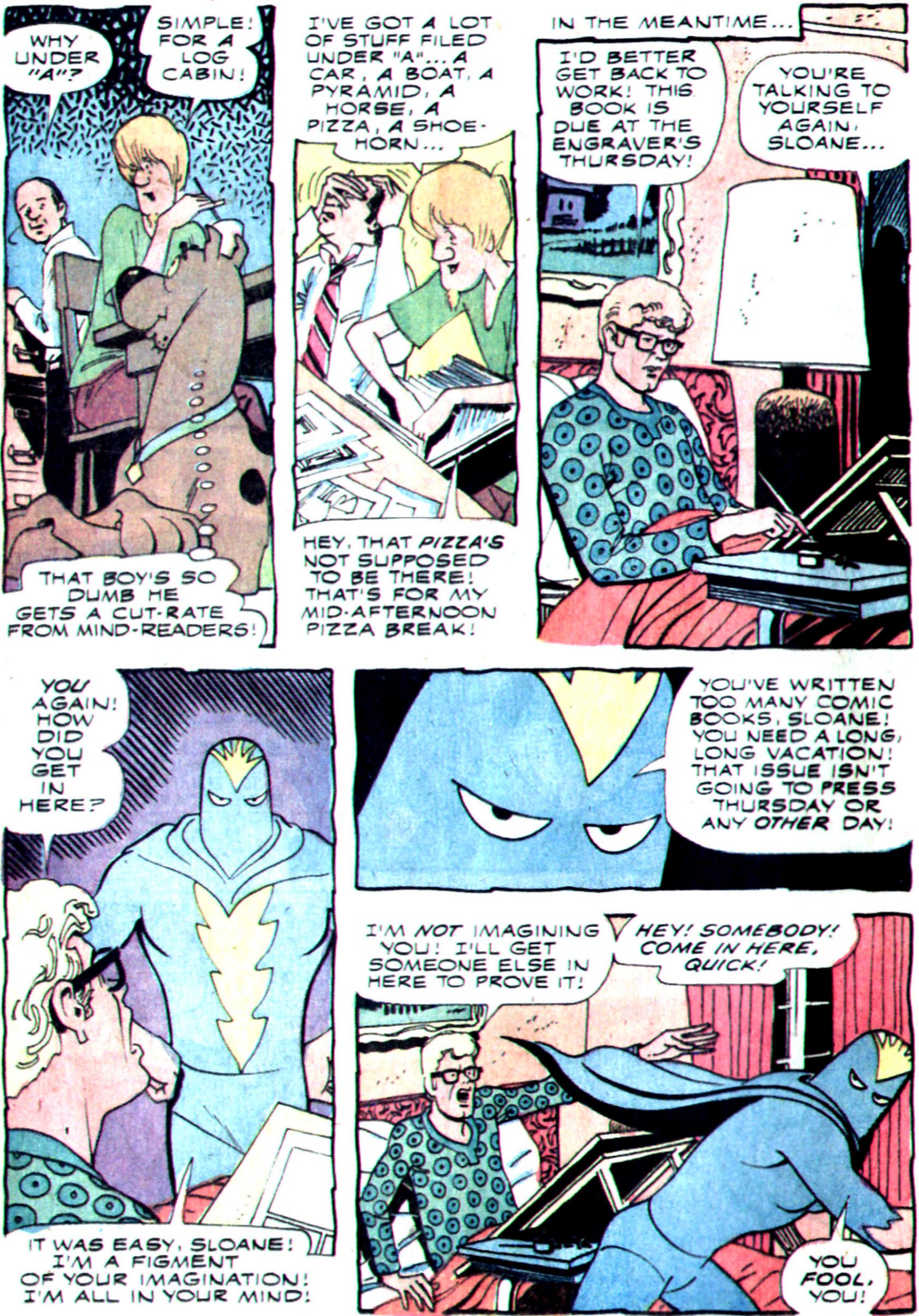

WE'LL START YOU OFF WORKING IN THE MORGUE!
THE M-M-MORGUE? NO, SIR! I'M NOT WORKING IN ANY OL' MORGUE! PLACES LIKE THAT GIVE ME THE CREEPS!
BLUE SCARAB
IT'S NOT A REAL MORGUE! THAT'S JUST WHAT WE CALL OUR RESEARCH FILES! FILE ALL THESE CLIPPINGS ALPHABETICALLY!
AW, SHUCKS! I KNEW IT ALL THE TIME!
THE AFTERNOON TURNS INTO EVENING...
BOY, AM I BEAT! DRAWING COMIC BOOKS IS NO EASY JOB! I'M EVEN TALKING TO MYSELF LATELY!
WELL, THEN, WHY NOT TALK TO ME FOR A WHILE?
WHO IS IT? IS THAT YOU, MURRAY? DO YOU HAVE THOSE BACKGROUNDS FINISHED?
IT'S NOT MURRAY... AND THE ONLY THING FINISHED AROUND HERE IS YOU, SLOANE!
HEY, WHAT IS THIS? WHERE'D YOU GET THAT BLUE SCARAB COSTUME?
I'VE ALWAYS HAD IT, SLOANE... EVER SINCE YOU FIRST DREW ME IN IT!
DON'T TOUCH, SLOANE! NO ONE TOUCHES THE BLUE SCARAB!

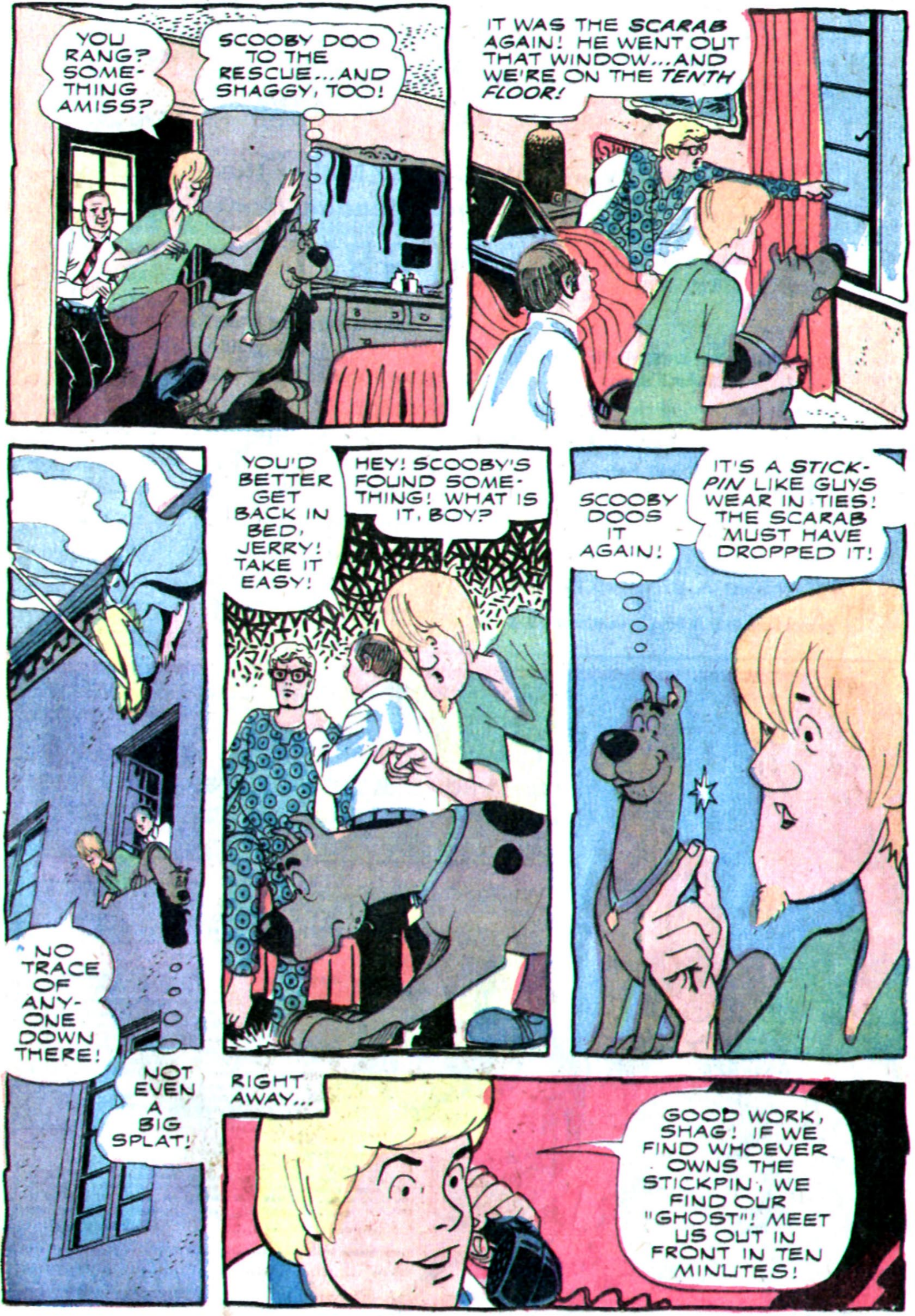

YEEEOW!
FZZT!
I TOLD YOU... NO TOUCHING, SLOANE! I'LL BE BACK TO SETTLE WITH YOU LATER!
...IT'S A TERRIF JOB, FRED—ALL THE COMIC BOOKS I CAN READ! I'M JUST DOING SOME FILING RIGHT NOW!
WHAT WAS THAT? SOUNDED LIKE SOMEBODY YELLING!
THAT'S JUST GREAT, SHAGGY! YOU'LL HAVE TO GIVE US THE GRAND TOUR SOME TIME!
I THINK THE BLUE SCARAB IS KIND OF SCARY!
YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE THE REFERENCE MATERIAL AND PICTURES THEY HAVE! I'M ALPHABETIZING THEM ALL!
DOWN, SCOOBY!
SOME-ONE NEEDS HELP!
IT TIME OF CRISIS SHAGGY IS NO HELP WHATSOEVER! I'LL HAVE TO INVESTIGATE ALONE!
HEY, POOCH! KEEP AN EYE ON HIM WHILE I PHONE FOR A DOCTOR!

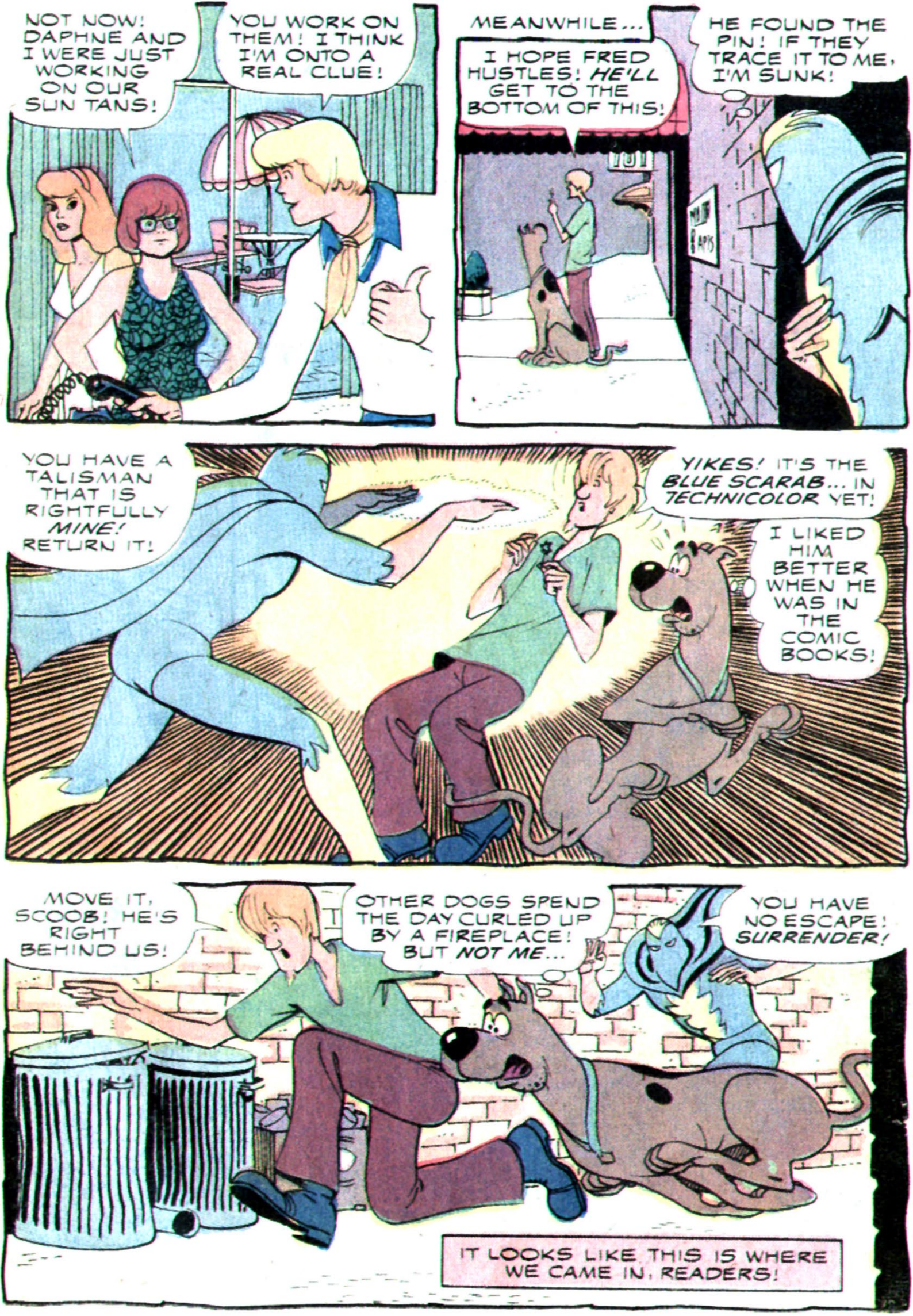

NEXT MORNING...
I SAW HIM DOCTOR... THE BLUE SCARAB! HE WAS REAL!
I KNOW, I KNOW ...NOW YOU JUST RELAX AND YOU'LL BE FINE!
MURRAY, WHO ELSE HAS A KEY TO THE STUDIO?
THE LETTERER, HARVEY... OUR EDITOR... AND ME! THAT'S ALL!
IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE LAID UP FOR A WHILE! MURRAY, YOU FINISH THOSE BACKGROUNDS! SHAGGY, TAKE THE PAGES I FINISHED INTO THE OFFICE!
CHECK!
DOUBLE CHECK!
WHAT ABOUT ME, MR. SLOANE?
WHAT ABOUT YOU, JONES? AND HOW DID YOU SLIP IN HERE? YOU SHOULD BECOME A BURGLAR... YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT MUCH OF A LETTERER!
THAT LAST LETTERING JOB OF YOURS WAS FULL OF MISTAKES! HOW CAN YOU MIS-SPELL "CAT," FOR GOODNESS SAKES?
CALM DOWN, JERRY! YOU NEED REST! RELAX!
COME ON, SCOOB! LET'S TAKE THESE PAGES TO THE OFFICE! WE'LL PICK UP FRED, DAPHNE AND VELMA ON THE WAY!
WE'RE TRANS-PORTING COMIC BOOK PAGES, NOT GOLD BULLION! WE DON'T NEED AN HONOR GUARD!

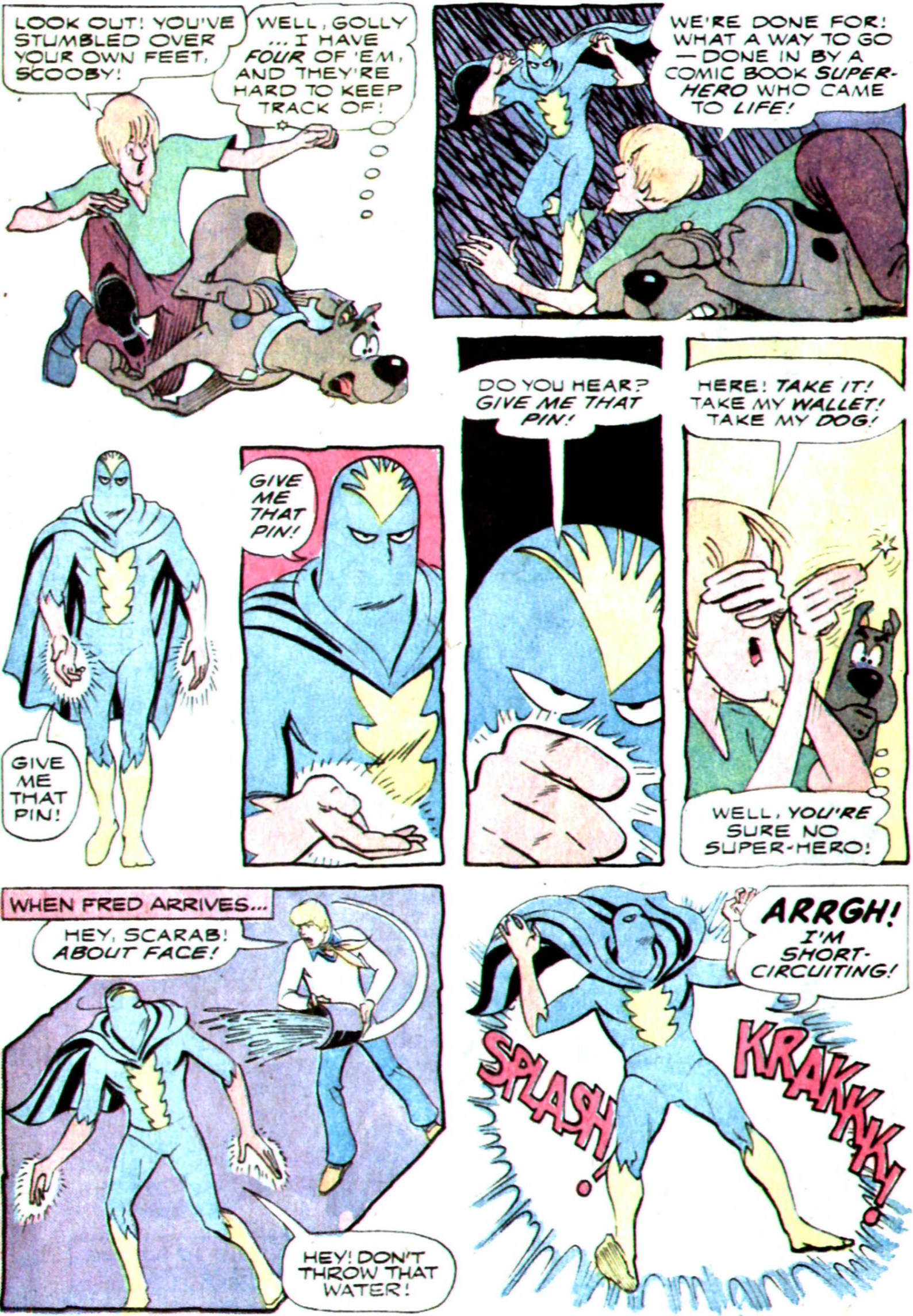

SHORTLY, IN AN UPTOWN OFFICE...
SO THIS IS WHAT A COMIC BOOK COMPANY LOOKS LIKE!
THIS IS JUST THE EDITOR'S OFFICE, VELMA!
MR. SLOANE SAID HE'LL TRY TO HAVE THE REST IN SOON, MR. EDITOR, SIR!
FINE, FINE!
EDITOR
THIS STUFF'S BRILLIANT! THE BLUE SCARAB IS OUR BEST-SELLING BOOK AND SLOANE IS A GENIUS! BUT DON'T TELL HIM, PLEASE! HE'LL ASK FOR MORE MONEY!
HE DOESN'T DESERVE IT! HIS STORIES ARE LOUSY!
YOUR SCRIPTS SHOULD BE SO "LOUSY," HARRY! JERRY SLOANE DOES A GREAT JOB!
I'M TWICE THE WRITER THAT HACK IS! YOU JUST DON'T APPRECIATE TRUE CREATIVITY!
LOOK AT THIS PICTURE OF THE BLUE SCARAB! YOU'RE RIGHT, VELMA... HE'S SO STRONG AND SPOOKY!
IF I WERE A CROOK I SURE WOULDN'T WANT TO BE CAUGHT BY HIM! BRR!
BLUE SCAR

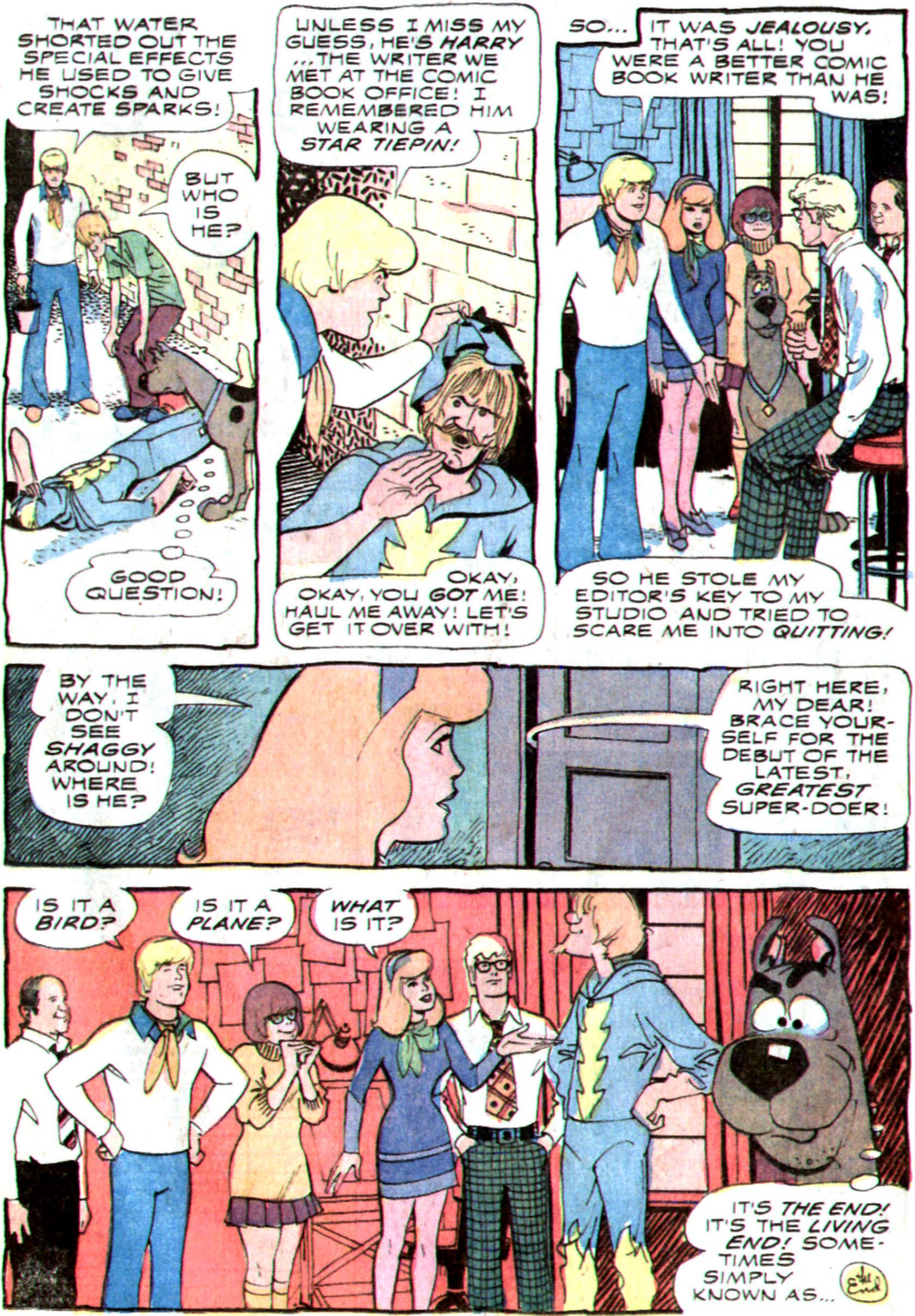

COME OFF IT, GIRLS! HE'S ONLY A COMIC BOOK CHARACTER!
YEAH! I COULD BE CREEPY, TOO, IF I HAD AN OUTFIT LIKE HE WEARS!
YOU DON'T NEED AN OUTFIT, SHAGGY! TEE HEE!
EDITOR
SHORTLY...
A LOT OF PEOPLE SEEM TO HAVE REASONS FOR PULLING A GHOST STUNT ON JERRY SLOANE!
HERE'S YOUR ORDER, SIR!
HOLD YOUR END UP, KAREN!
MYSTERY MACHINE
UGH! I'VE GOT IT, LYNNE!
OH, BOY! HERE COMES MY EATS! YOURS WILL BE HERE SOON, SCOOB!
GOOD EAT
CAR SERVI
SOMEONE IS PRETENDING TO BE THE BLUE SCARAB TO SCARE SLOANE... BUT FOR WHAT REASON?
INCREDIBLE! IF ONLY OUR GARBAGE DISPOSAL WORKED HALF AS FAST AS SHAGGY!
WE'LL TAKE SHAG AND SCOOB BACK TO WORK! MAYBE SOMETHING WILL TURN UP!
LATER...
I CAN'T FIND A PICTURE OF A LOG CABIN IN THE MORGUE, SHAGGY!
NO WONDER! YOU'RE LOOKING UNDER "L"! TRY LOOKING UNDER "A"!


WHY UNDER "A"?
SIMPLE! FOR A LOG CABIN!
THAT BOY'S SO DUMB HE GETS A CUT-RATE FROM MIND-READERS!
I'VE GOT A LOT OF STUFF FILED UNDER "A"... A CAR, A BOAT, A PYRAMID, A HORSE, A PIZZA, A SHOE-HORN...
HEY, THAT PIZZA'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THERE! THAT'S FOR MY MID-AFTERNOON PIZZA BREAK!
IN THE MEANTIME...
I'D BETTER GET BACK TO WORK! THIS BOOK IS DUE AT THE ENGRAVER'S THURSDAY!
YOU'RE TALKING TO YOURSELF AGAIN, SLOANE...
YOU AGAIN! HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?
IT WAS EASY, SLOANE! I'M A FIGMENT OF YOUR IMAGINATION! I'M ALL IN YOUR MIND!
YOU'VE WRITTEN TOO MANY COMIC BOOKS, SLOANE! YOU NEED A LONG, LONG VACATION! THAT ISSUE ISN'T GOING TO PRESS THURSDAY OR ANY OTHER DAY!
I'M NOT IMAGINING YOU! I'LL GET SOMEONE ELSE IN HERE TO PROVE IT!
HEY! SOMEBODY! COME IN HERE, QUICK!
YOU FOOL, YOU!


YOU RANG? SOMETHING AMISS?
SCOOBY DOO TO THE RESCUE...AND SHAGGY, TOO!
IT WAS THE SCARAB AGAIN! HE WENT OUT THAT WINDOW...AND WE'RE ON THE TENTH FLOOR!
NO TRACE OF ANYONE DOWN THERE!
NOT EVEN A BIG SPLAT!
YOU'D BETTER GET BACK IN BED, JERRY! TAKE IT EASY!
HEY! SCOOBY'S FOUND SOMETHING! WHAT IS IT, BOY?
SCOOBY DOOS IT AGAIN!
IT'S A STICKPIN LIKE GUYS WEAR IN TIES! THE SCARAB MUST HAVE DROPPED IT!
RIGHT AWAY...
GOOD WORK, SHAG! IF WE FIND WHOEVER OWNS THE STICKPIN, WE FIND OUR "GHOST"! MEET US OUT IN FRONT IN TEN MINUTES!


NOT NOW! DAPHNE AND I WERE JUST WORKING ON OUR SUN TANS!
YOU WORK ON THEM! I THINK I'M ONTO A REAL CLUE!
MEANWHILE...
I HOPE FRED HUSTLES! HE'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!
HE FOUND THE PIN! IF THEY TRACE IT TO ME, I'M SUNK!
YOU HAVE A TALISMAN THAT IS RIGHTFULLY MINE! RETURN IT!
YIKES! IT'S THE BLUE SCARAB... IN TECHNICOLOR YET!
I LIKED HIM BETTER WHEN HE WAS IN THE COMIC BOOKS!
MOVE IT, SCOOB! HE'S RIGHT BEHIND US!
OTHER DOGS SPEND THE DAY CURLED UP BY A FIREPLACE! BUT NOT ME...
YOU HAVE NO ESCAPE! SURRENDER!
IT LOOKS LIKE THIS IS WHERE WE CAME IN, READERS!


LOOK OUT! YOU'VE STUMBLED OVER YOUR OWN FEET, SCOOBY!
WELL, GOLLY ... I HAVE FOUR OF 'EM, AND THEY'RE HARD TO KEEP TRACK OF!
WE'RE DONE FOR! WHAT A WAY TO GO — DONE IN BY A COMIC BOOK SUPER-HERO WHO CAME TO LIFE!
DO YOU HEAR? GIVE ME THAT PIN!
HERE! TAKE IT! TAKE MY WALLET! TAKE MY DOG!
GIVE ME THAT PIN!
GIVE ME THAT PIN!
WELL, YOU'RE SURE NO SUPER-HERO!
WHEN FRED ARRIVES...
HEY, SCARAB! ABOUT FACE!
HEY! DON'T THROW THAT WATER!
ARRGH! I'M SHORT-CIRCUITING!
SPLASH!
KRAKKK!


THAT WATER SHORTED OUT THE SPECIAL EFFECTS HE USED TO GIVE SHOCKS AND CREATE SPARKS!
BUT WHO IS HE?
GOOD QUESTION!
UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS, HE'S HARRY ...THE WRITER WE MET AT THE COMIC BOOK OFFICE! I REMEMBERED HIM WEARING A STAR TIEPIN!
OKAY, OKAY, YOU GOT ME! HAUL ME AWAY! LET'S GET IT OVER WITH!
SO... IT WAS JEALOUSY, THAT'S ALL! YOU WERE A BETTER COMIC BOOK WRITER THAN HE WAS!
SO HE STOLE MY EDITOR'S KEY TO MY STUDIO AND TRIED TO SCARE ME INTO QUITTING!
BY THE WAY, I DON'T SEE SHAGGY AROUND! WHERE IS HE?
RIGHT HERE, MY DEAR! BRACE YOURSELF FOR THE DEBUT OF THE LATEST, GREATEST SUPER-DOER!
IS IT A BIRD?
IS IT A PLANE?
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S THE END! IT'S THE LIVING END! SOMETIMES SIMPLY KNOWN AS...
The End

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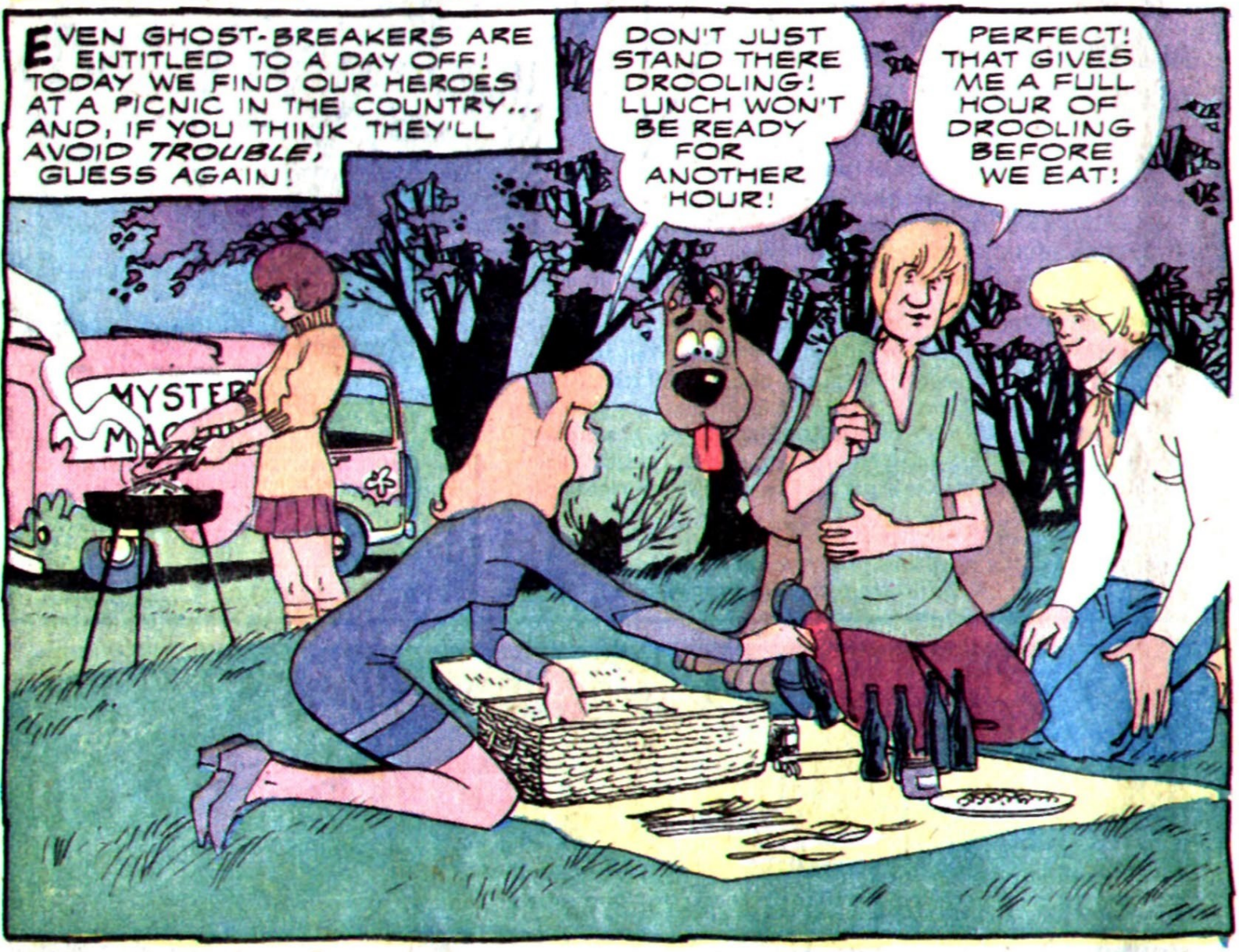
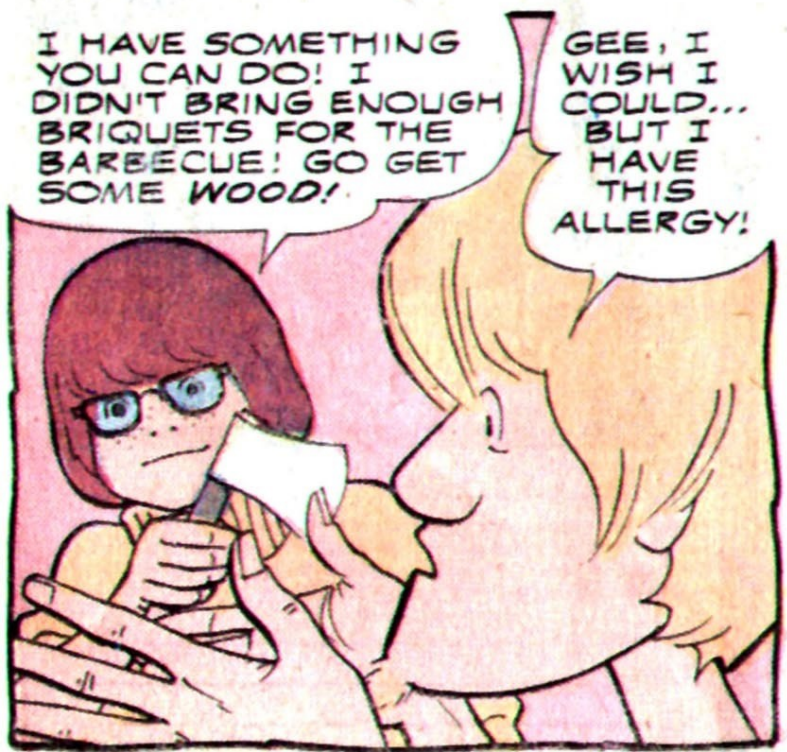
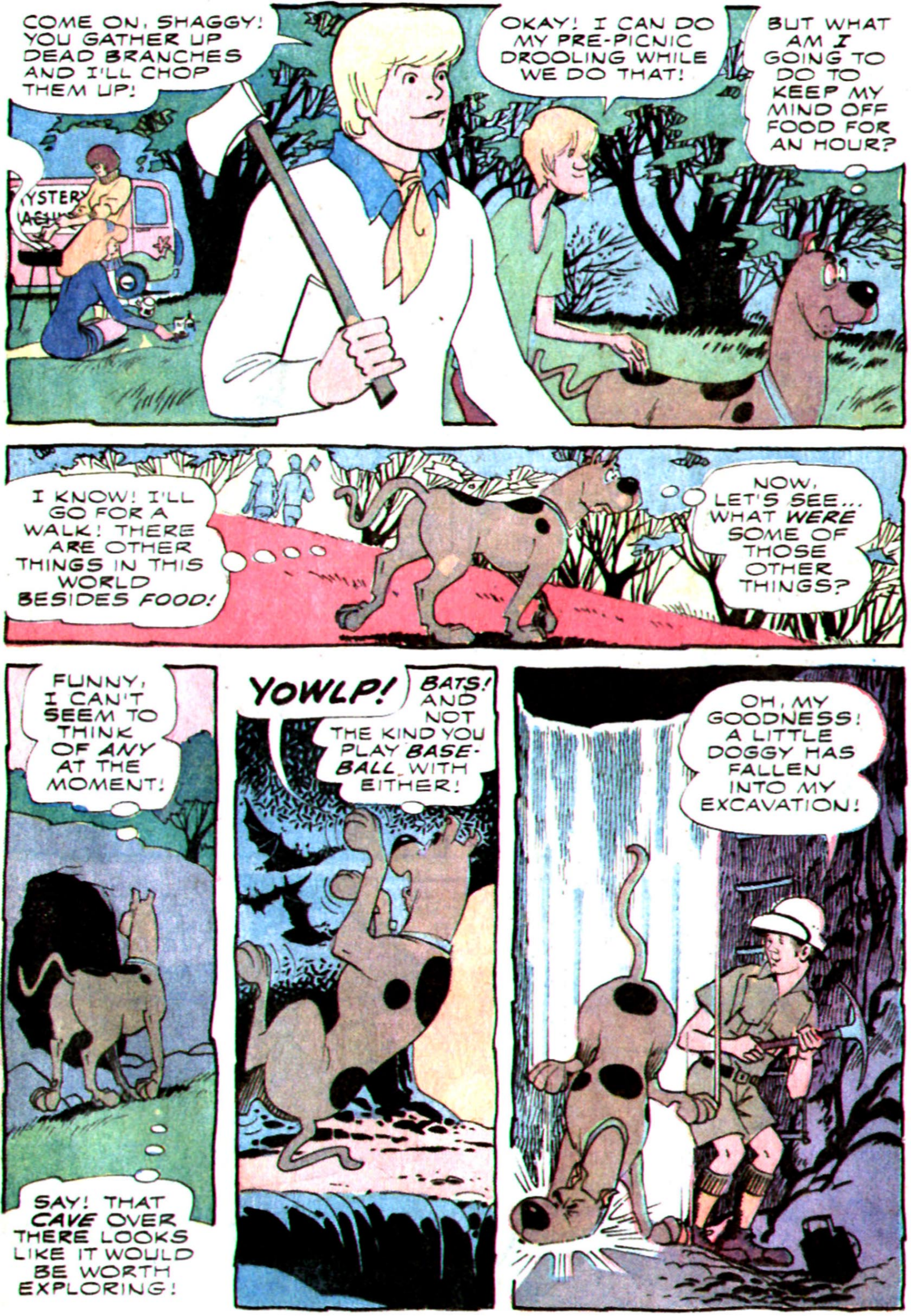
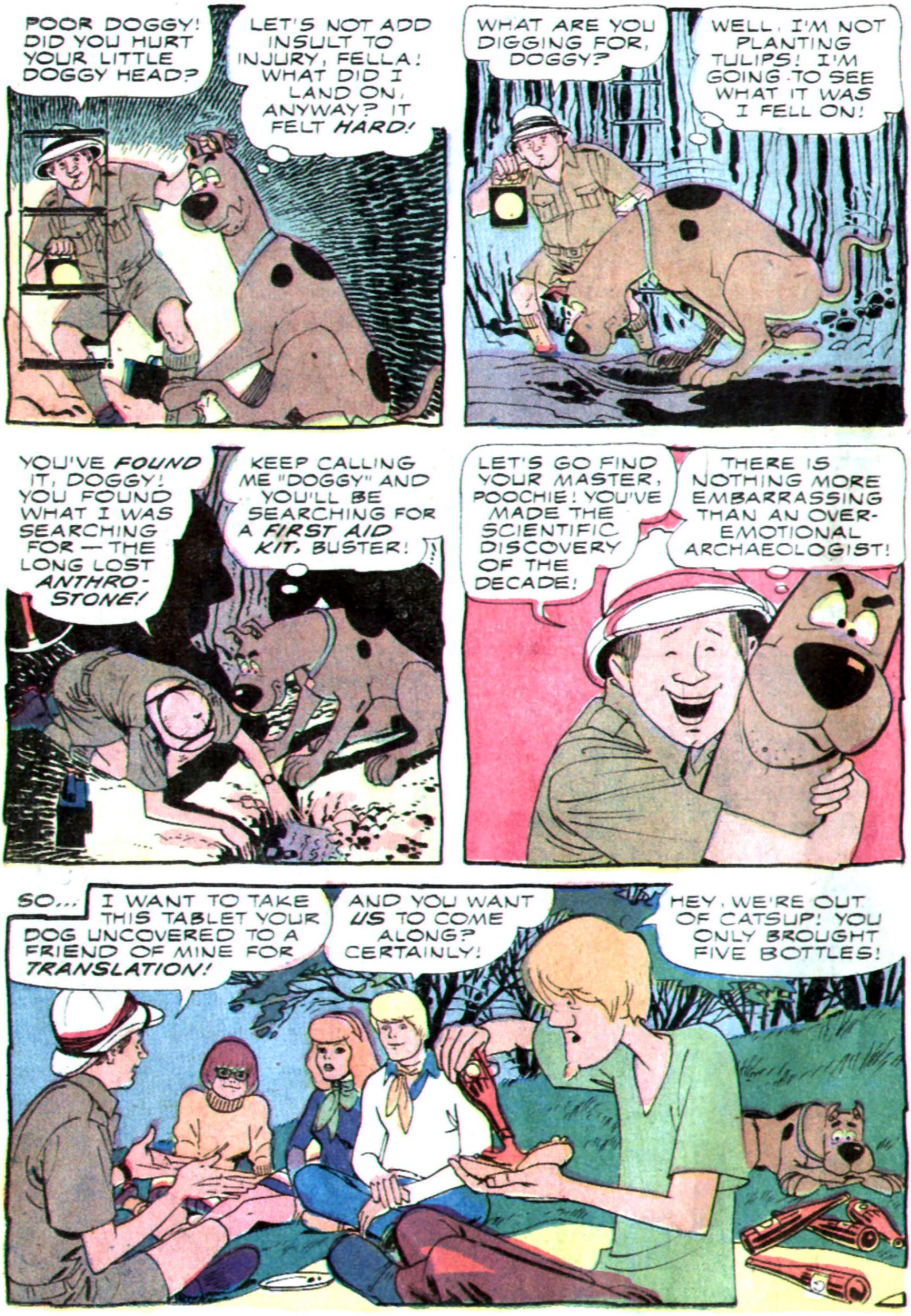
MONKEY SEE, SCOOBY DOO

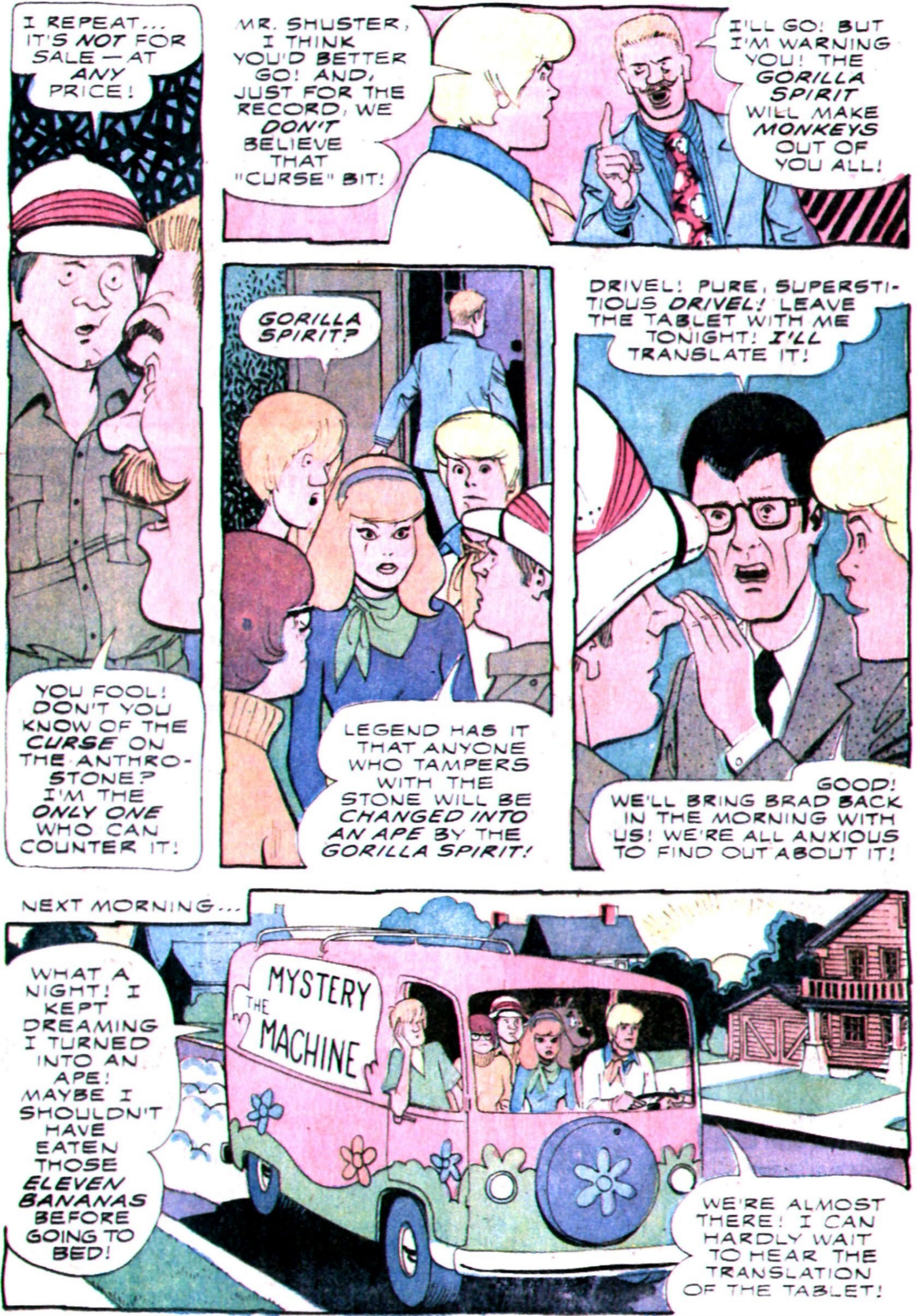

EVEN GHOST-BREAKERS ARE ENTITLED TO A DAY OFF! TODAY WE FIND OUR HEROES AT A PICNIC IN THE COUNTRY... AND, IF YOU THINK THEY'LL AVOID *TROUBLE*, GUESS AGAIN!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE DROOLING! LUNCH WON'T BE READY FOR ANOTHER HOUR!
PERFECT! THAT GIVES ME A FULL HOUR OF DROOLING BEFORE WE EAT!

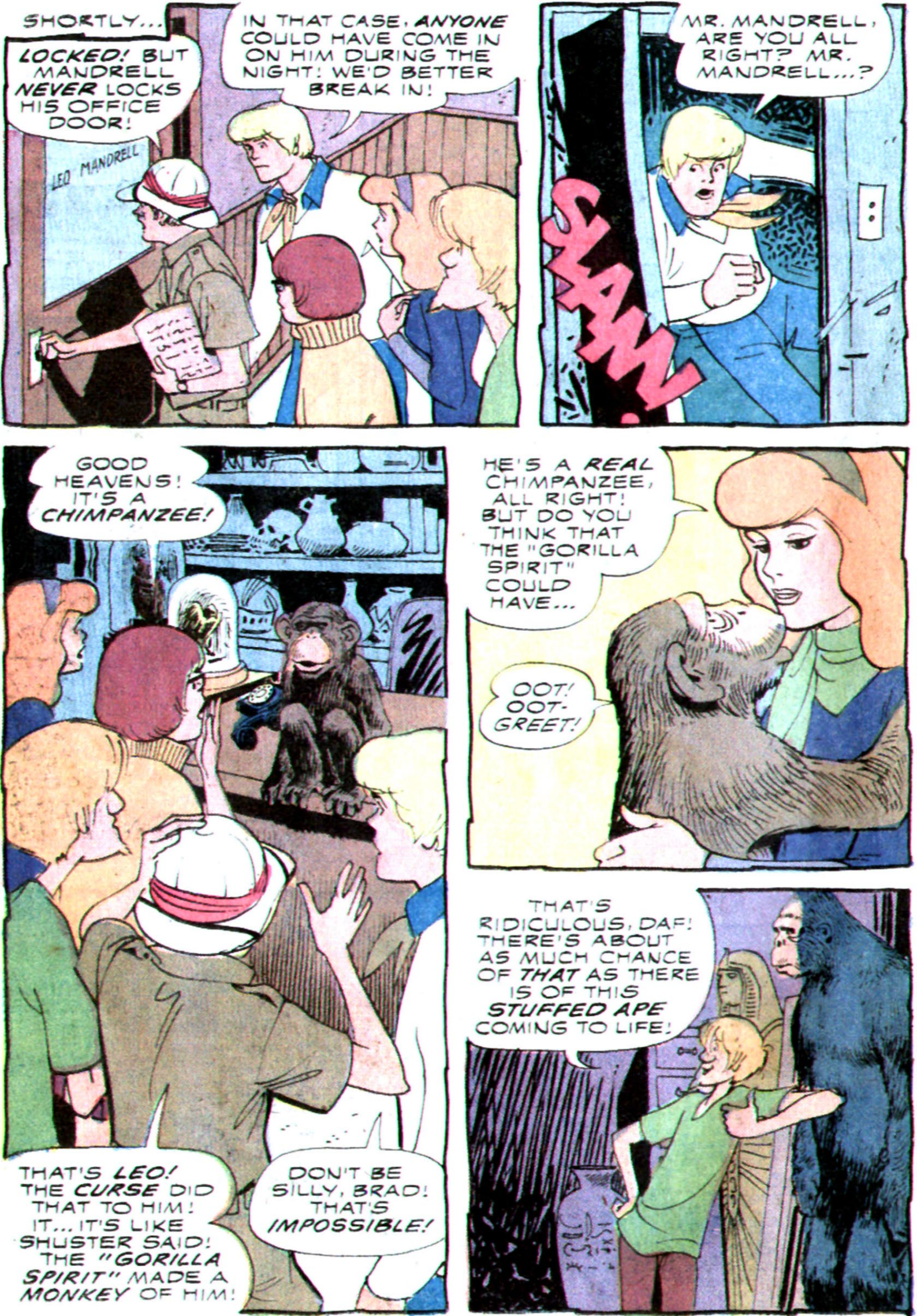

I HAVE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO! I DIDN'T BRING ENOUGH BRIQUETS FOR THE BARBECUE! GO GET SOME *WOOD!*
GEE, I WISH I COULD... BUT I HAVE THIS ALLERGY!

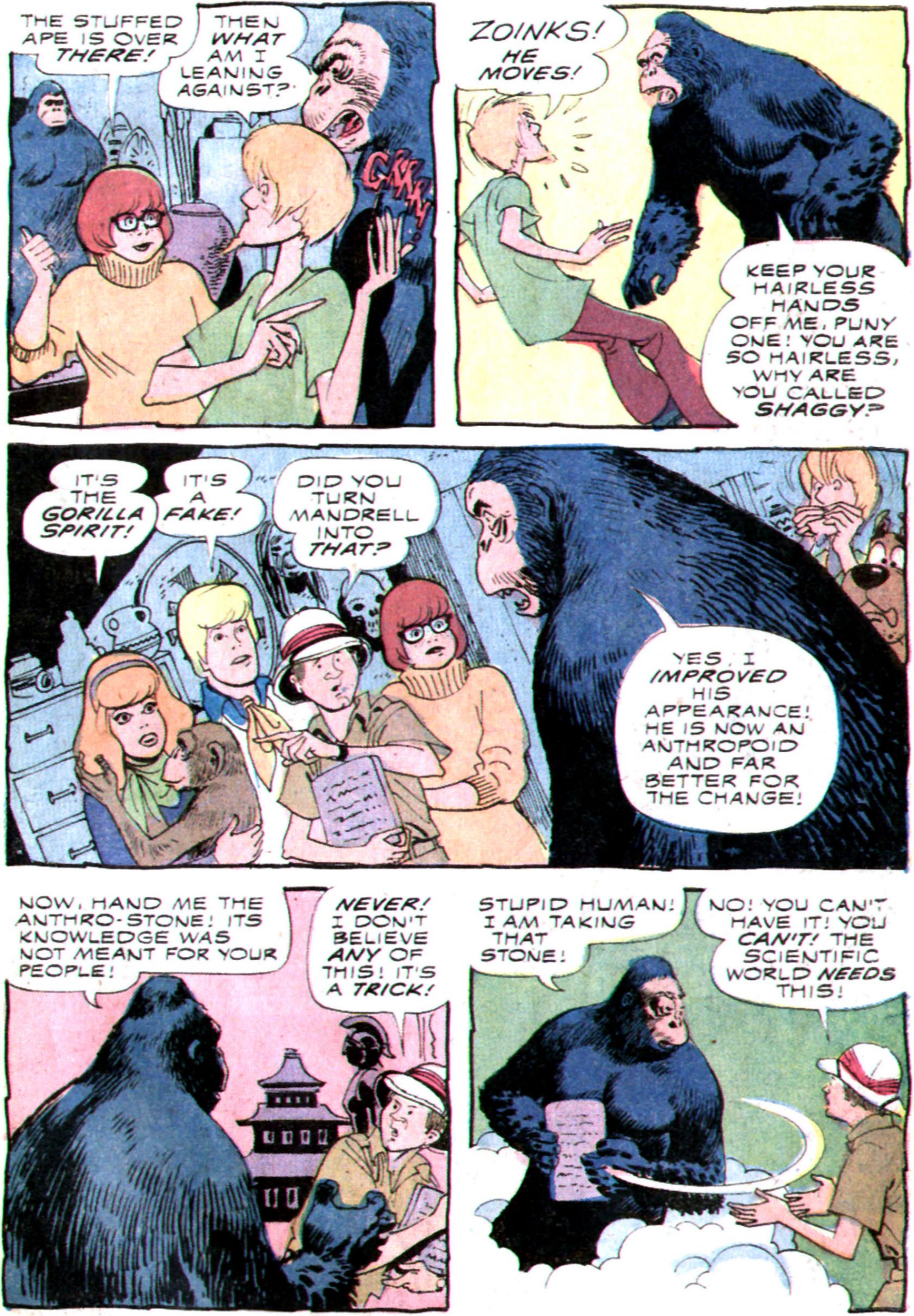

COME ON, SHAGGY! YOU GATHER UP DEAD BRANCHES AND I'LL CHOP THEM UP!
OKAY! I CAN DO MY PRE-PICNIC DROOLING WHILE WE DO THAT!
BUT WHAT AM I GOING TO DO TO KEEP MY MIND OFF FOOD FOR AN HOUR?
I KNOW! I'LL GO FOR A WALK! THERE ARE OTHER THINGS IN THIS WORLD BESIDES FOOD!
NOW, LET'S SEE... WHAT WERE SOME OF THOSE OTHER THINGS?
FUNNY, I CAN'T SEEM TO THINK OF ANY AT THE MOMENT!
SAY! THAT CAVE OVER THERE LOOKS LIKE IT WOULD BE WORTH EXPLORING!
YOWLP!
BATS! AND NOT THE KIND YOU PLAY BASE-BALL WITH EITHER!
OH, MY GOODNESS! A LITTLE DOGGY HAS FALLEN INTO MY EXCAVATION!

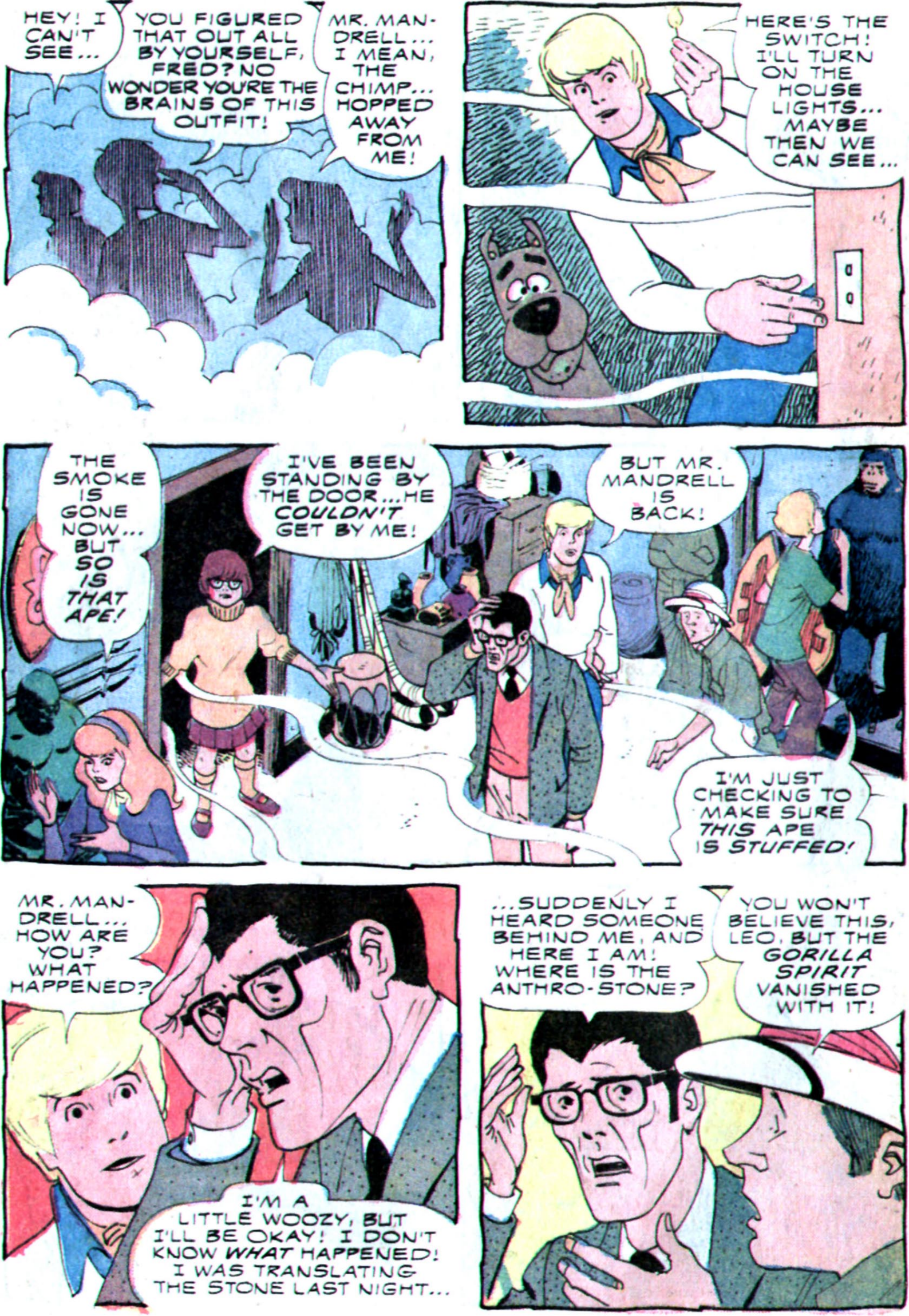

POOR DOGGY! DID YOU HURT YOUR LITTLE DOGGY HEAD?
LET'S NOT ADD INSULT TO INJURY, FELLA! WHAT DID I LAND ON, ANYWAY? IT FELT HARD!
WHAT ARE YOU DIGGING FOR, DOGGY?
WELL, I'M NOT PLANTING TULIPS! I'M GOING TO SEE WHAT IT WAS I FELL ON!
YOU'VE FOUND IT, DOGGY! YOU FOUND WHAT I WAS SEARCHING FOR — THE LONG LOST ANTHRO-STONE!
KEEP CALLING ME "DOGGY" AND YOU'LL BE SEARCHING FOR A FIRST AID KIT, BUSTER!
LET'S GO FIND YOUR MASTER, POOCHIE! YOU'VE MADE THE SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY OF THE DECADE!
THERE IS NOTHING MORE EMBARRASSING THAN AN OVER-EMOTIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST!
SO...
I WANT TO TAKE THIS TABLET YOUR DOG UNCOVERED TO A FRIEND OF MINE FOR TRANSLATION!
AND YOU WANT US TO COME ALONG? CERTAINLY!
HEY, WE'RE OUT OF CATSUP! YOU ONLY BROUGHT FIVE BOTTLES!

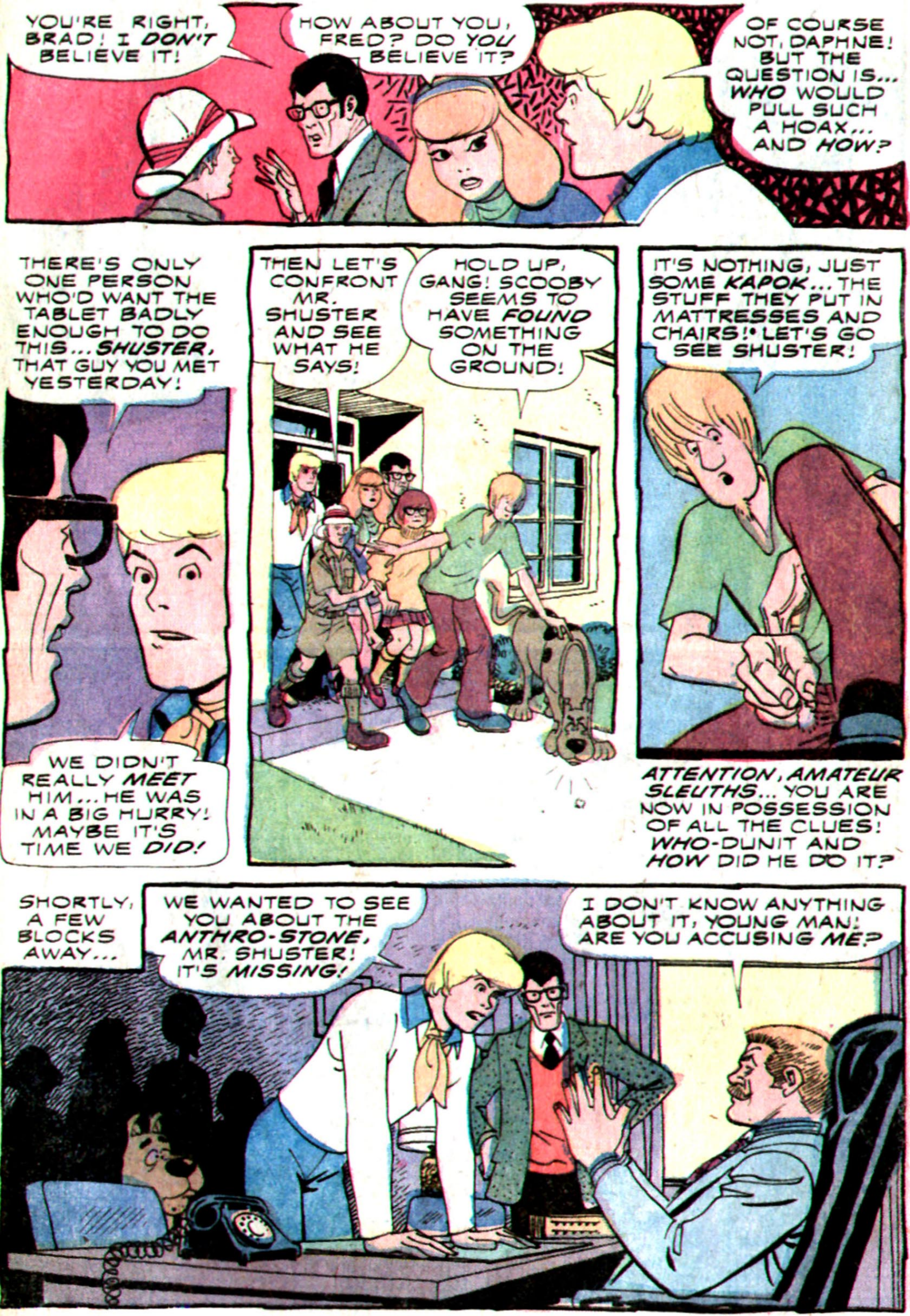
THE ANTHRO-STONE IS THE ONLY REMNANT OF A MYSTERIOUS CIVILIZATION IN THESE PARTS, MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO! WE KNOW ALMOST NOTHING ABOUT IT!
IF MY FRIEND, LEO MANDRELL, CAN TRANSLATE THAT TABLET, IT MIGHT TELL US ABOUT THAT CIVILIZATION!
WELL, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
LET'S CLEAN UP OUR PICNIC AND GO! THIS IS FASCINATING!
SHORTLY, IN LEO MANDRELL'S CURIO-FILLED OFFICE...
I JUST CALLED SHUSTER TO TELL HIM! HE'S COMING RIGHT OVER, BRAD — HE'S POSITIVELY GREEN WITH ENVY!
MY, YOU SURE HAVE SOME STRANGE ITEMS HERE, MR MANDRELL!
SHUSTER WILL BE HERE ANY MINUTE, BRAD! YOU KNOW, THIS DISCOVERY OF YOURS IS PRICELESS!
HOW DOES A THOUSAND DOLLARS SOUND AS A PRICE?... IF YOU'VE REALLY FOUND THE STONE!
THE ANTHRO-STONE IS NOT FOR SALE, SHUSTER!
ALL RIGHT, TWO THOUSAND! MAKE IT THREE! I MUST HAVE THAT STONE — I'VE BEEN STUDYING ITS HISTORY FOR YEARS!

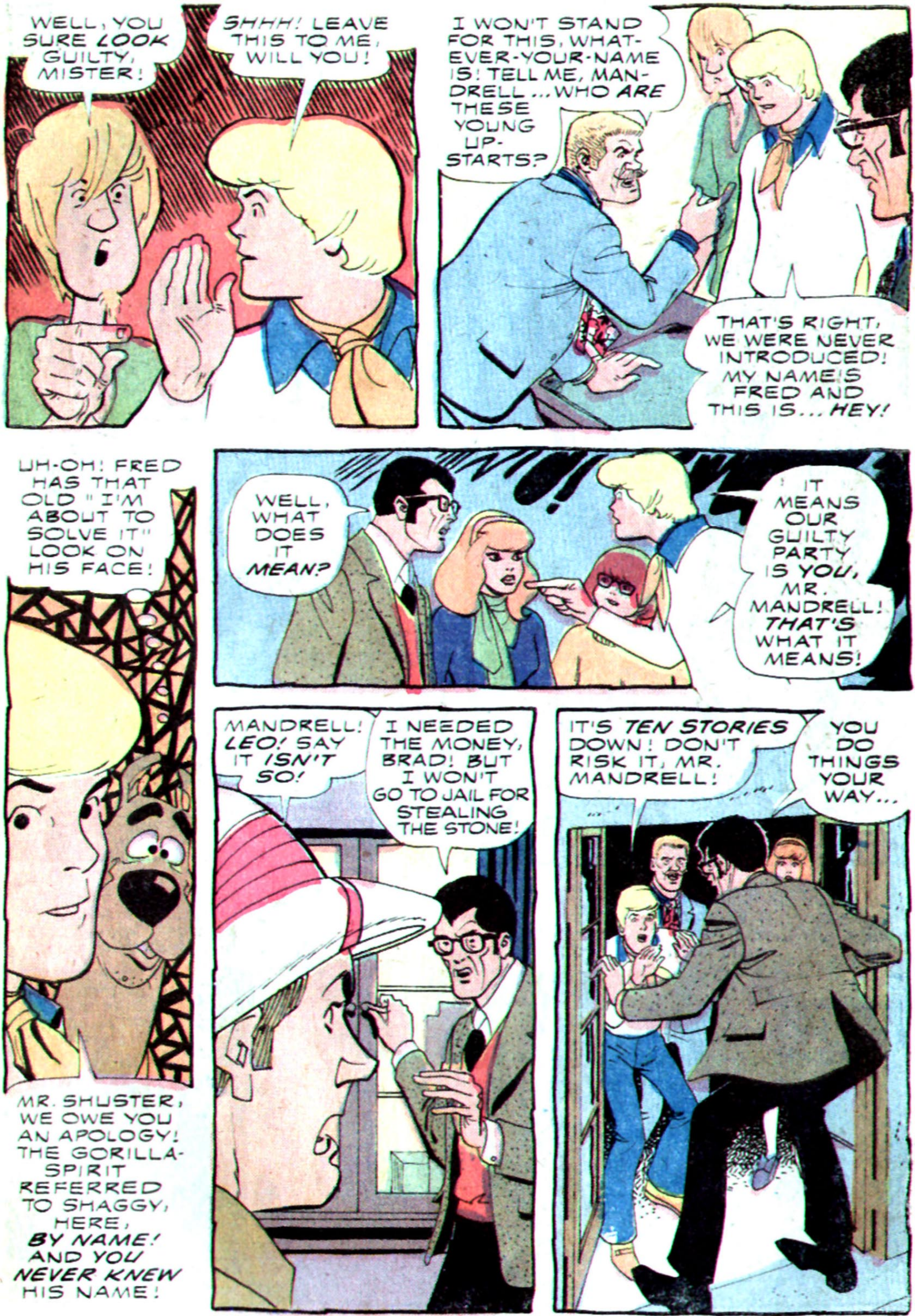

I REPEAT... IT'S NOT FOR SALE — AT ANY PRICE!
MR. SHUSTER, I THINK YOU'D BETTER GO! AND, JUST FOR THE RECORD, WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT "CURSE" BIT!
I'LL GO! BUT I'M WARNING YOU! THE GORILLA SPIRIT WILL MAKE MONKEYS OUT OF YOU ALL!
YOU FOOL! DON'T YOU KNOW OF THE CURSE ON THE ANTHRO-STONE? I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN COUNTER IT!
GORILLA SPIRIT?
LEGEND HAS IT THAT ANYONE WHO TAMPERS WITH THE STONE WILL BE CHANGED INTO AN APE BY THE GORILLA SPIRIT!
DRIVEL! PURE, SUPERSTITIOUS DRIVEL! LEAVE THE TABLET WITH ME TONIGHT! I'LL TRANSLATE IT!
GOOD! WE'LL BRING BRAD BACK IN THE MORNING WITH US! WE'RE ALL ANXIOUS TO FIND OUT ABOUT IT!
NEXT MORNING...
WHAT A NIGHT! I KEPT DREAMING I TURNED INTO AN APE! MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE EATEN THOSE ELEVEN BANANAS BEFORE GOING TO BED!
MYSTERY THE MACHINE
WE'RE ALMOST THERE! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO HEAR THE TRANSLATION OF THE TABLET!

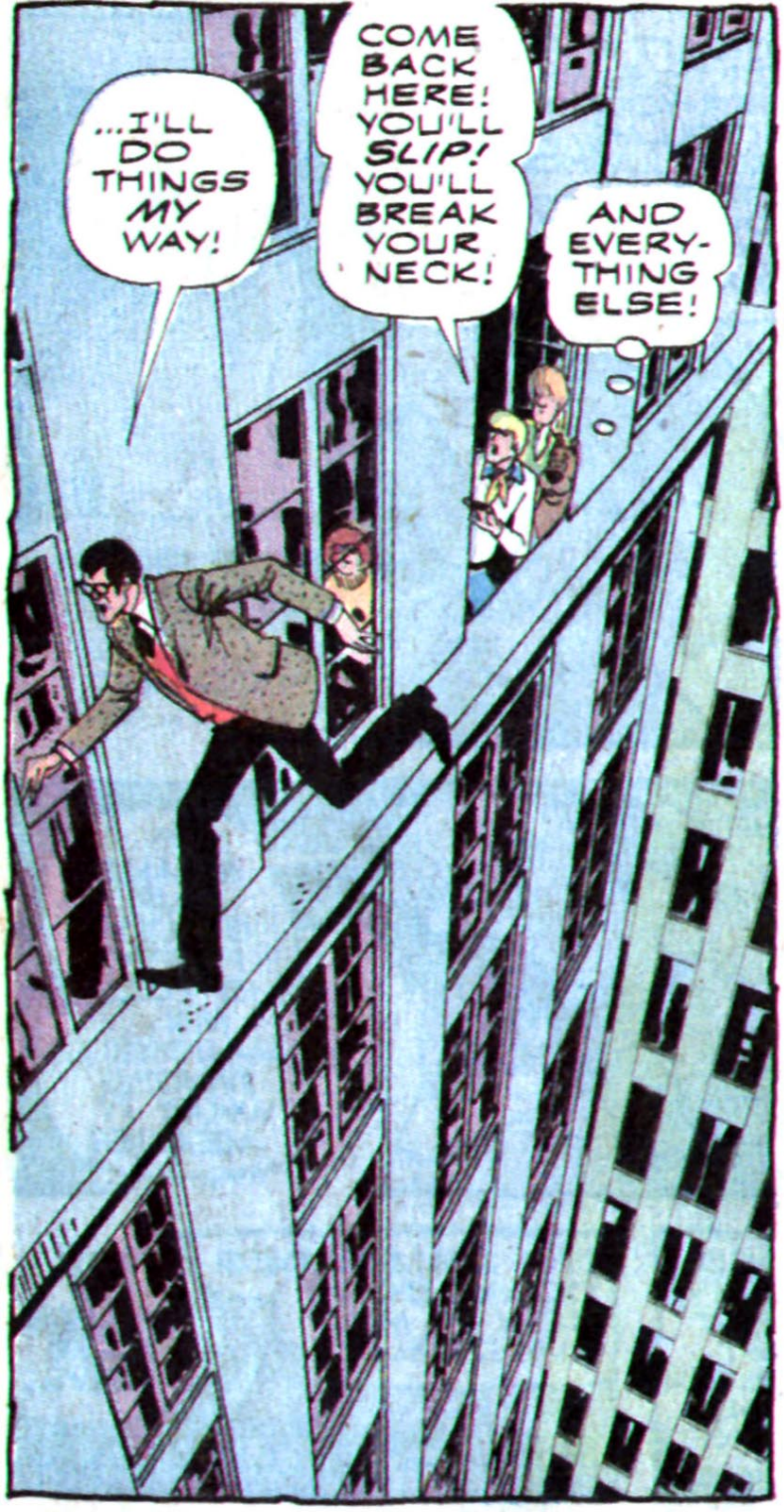

SHORTLY...
LOCKED! BUT MANDRELL NEVER LOCKS HIS OFFICE DOOR!
LEO MANDRELL
IN THAT CASE, ANYONE COULD HAVE COME IN ON HIM DURING THE NIGHT! WE'D BETTER BREAK IN!
MR. MANDRELL, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? MR. MANDRELL...?
SLAM!
GOOD HEAVENS! IT'S A CHIMPANZEE!
THAT'S LEO! THE CURSE DID THAT TO HIM! IT... IT'S LIKE SHUSTER SAID! THE "GORILLA SPIRIT" MADE A MONKEY OF HIM!
DON'T BE SILLY, BRAD! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
HE'S A REAL CHIMPANZEE, ALL RIGHT! BUT DO YOU THINK THAT THE "GORILLA SPIRIT" COULD HAVE...
OOT! OOT-GREET!
THAT'S RIDICULOUS, DAF! THERE'S ABOUT AS MUCH CHANCE OF THAT AS THERE IS OF THIS STUFFED APE COMING TO LIFE!

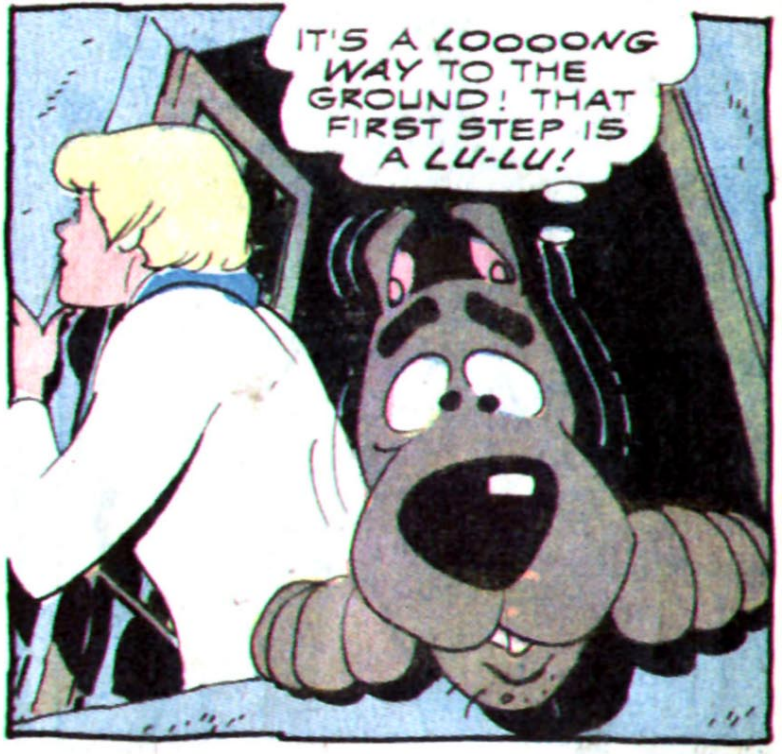

THE STUFFED APE IS OVER THERE!
THEN WHAT AM I LEANING AGAINST?
GAHH
ZOINKS! HE MOVES!
KEEP YOUR HAIRLESS HANDS OFF ME, PUNY ONE! YOU ARE SO HAIRLESS, WHY ARE YOU CALLED SHAGGY?
IT'S THE GORILLA SPIRIT!
IT'S A FAKE!
DID YOU TURN MANDRELL INTO THAT?
YES, I IMPROVED HIS APPEARANCE! HE IS NOW AN ANTHROPOID AND FAR BETTER FOR THE CHANGE!
NOW, HAND ME THE ANTHRO-STONE! ITS KNOWLEDGE WAS NOT MEANT FOR YOUR PEOPLE!
NEVER! I DON'T BELIEVE ANY OF THIS! IT'S A TRICK!
STUPID HUMAN! I AM TAKING THAT STONE!
NO! YOU CAN'T HAVE IT! YOU CAN'T! THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD NEEDS THIS!

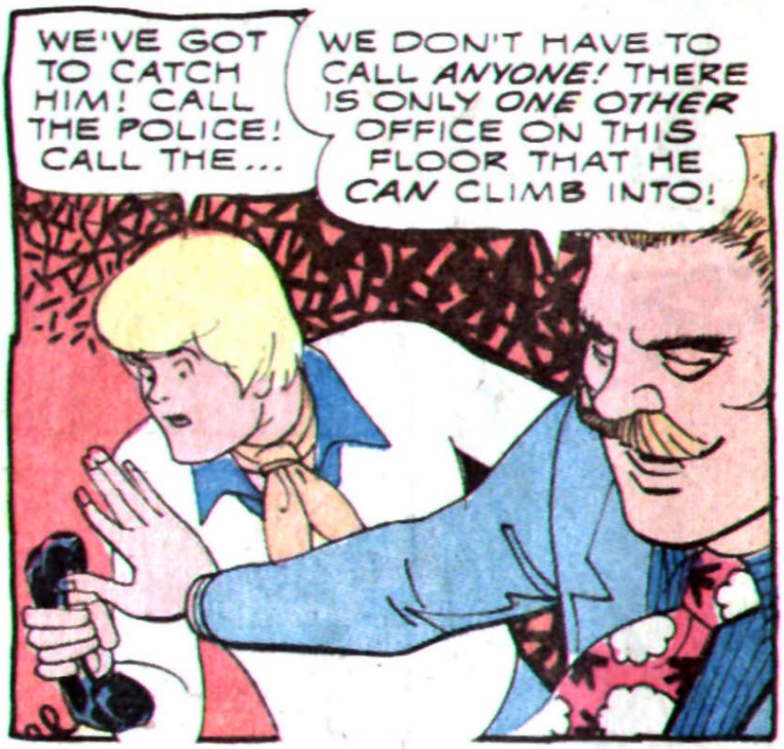

HEY! I CAN'T SEE...
YOU FIGURED THAT OUT ALL BY YOURSELF, FRED? NO WONDER YOU'RE THE BRAINS OF THIS OUTFIT!
MR. MANDRELL... I MEAN, THE CHIMP... HOPPED AWAY FROM ME!
HERE'S THE SWITCH! I'LL TURN ON THE HOUSE LIGHTS... MAYBE THEN WE CAN SEE...
THE SMOKE IS GONE NOW... BUT SO IS THAT APE!
I'VE BEEN STANDING BY THE DOOR...HE COULDN'T GET BY ME!
BUT MR. MANDRELL IS BACK!
I'M JUST CHECKING TO MAKE SURE THIS APE IS STUFFED!
MR. MANDRELL... HOW ARE YOU? WHAT HAPPENED?
I'M A LITTLE WOOZY, BUT I'LL BE OKAY! I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED! I WAS TRANSLATING THE STONE LAST NIGHT...
...SUDDENLY I HEARD SOMEONE BEHIND ME, AND HERE I AM! WHERE IS THE ANTHRO-STONE?
YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS, LEO, BUT THE GORILLA SPIRIT VANISHED WITH IT!


YOU'RE RIGHT, BRAD! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
HOW ABOUT YOU, FRED? DO YOU BELIEVE IT?
OF COURSE NOT, DAPHNE! BUT THE QUESTION IS... WHO WOULD PULL SUCH A HOAX... AND HOW?
THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON WHO'D WANT THE TABLET BADLY ENOUGH TO DO THIS... SHUSTER, THAT GUY YOU MET YESTERDAY!
WE DIDN'T REALLY MEET HIM... HE WAS IN A BIG HURRY! MAYBE IT'S TIME WE DID!
THEN LET'S CONFRONT MR. SHUSTER AND SEE WHAT HE SAYS!
HOLD UP, GANG! SCOOBY SEEMS TO HAVE FOUND SOMETHING ON THE GROUND!
IT'S NOTHING, JUST SOME KAPOK... THE STUFF THEY PUT IN MATTRESSES AND CHAIRS! LET'S GO SEE SHUSTER!
ATTENTION, AMATEUR SLEUTHS... YOU ARE NOW IN POSSESSION OF ALL THE CLUES! WHO-DUNIT AND HOW DID HE DO IT?
SHORTLY, A FEW BLOCKS AWAY...
WE WANTED TO SEE YOU ABOUT THE ANTHRO-STONE, MR. SHUSTER! IT'S MISSING!
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT, YOUNG MAN! ARE YOU ACCUSING ME?

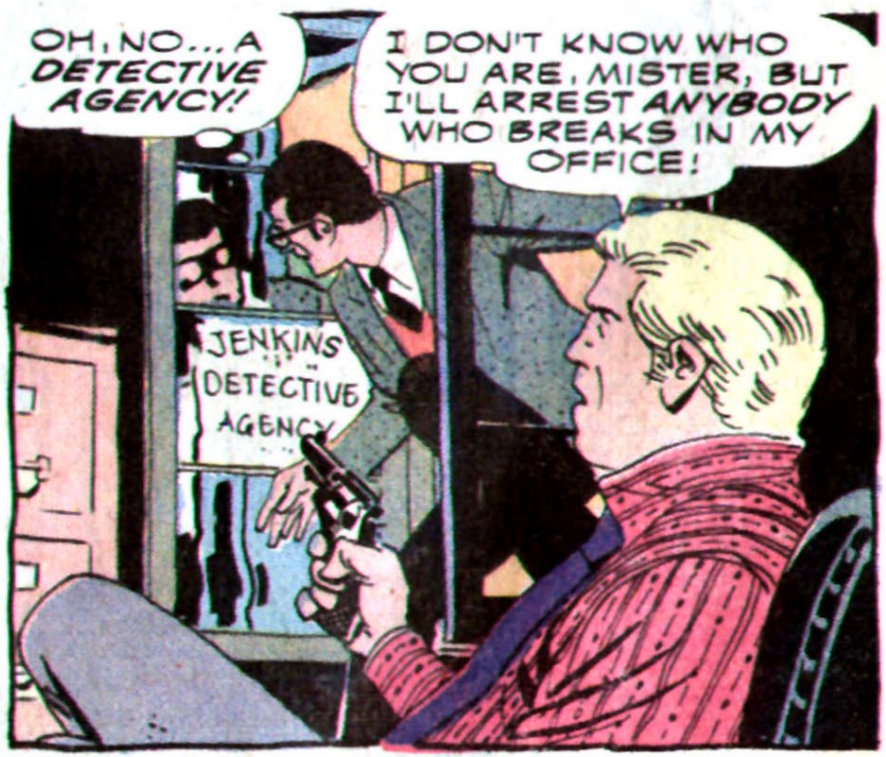

WELL, YOU SURE LOOK GUILTY, MISTER!
SHHH! LEAVE THIS TO ME, WILL YOU!
I WON'T STAND FOR THIS, WHATEVER-YOUR-NAME IS! TELL ME, MANDRELL... WHO ARE THESE YOUNG UP-STARTS?
THAT'S RIGHT, WE WERE NEVER INTRODUCED! MY NAME IS FRED AND THIS IS... HEY!
UH-OH! FRED HAS THAT OLD "I'M ABOUT TO SOLVE IT" LOOK ON HIS FACE!
WELL, WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
IT MEANS OUR GUILTY PARTY IS YOU, MR. MANDRELL! THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS!
MR. SHUSTER, WE OWE YOU AN APOLOGY! THE GORILLA-SPIRIT REFERRED TO SHAGGY, HERE, BY NAME! AND YOU NEVER KNEW HIS NAME!
MANDRELL! LEO! SAY IT ISN'T SO!
I NEEDED THE MONEY, BRAD! BUT I WON'T GO TO JAIL FOR STEALING THE STONE!
IT'S TEN STORIES DOWN! DON'T RISK IT, MR. MANDRELL!
YOU DO THINGS YOUR WAY...

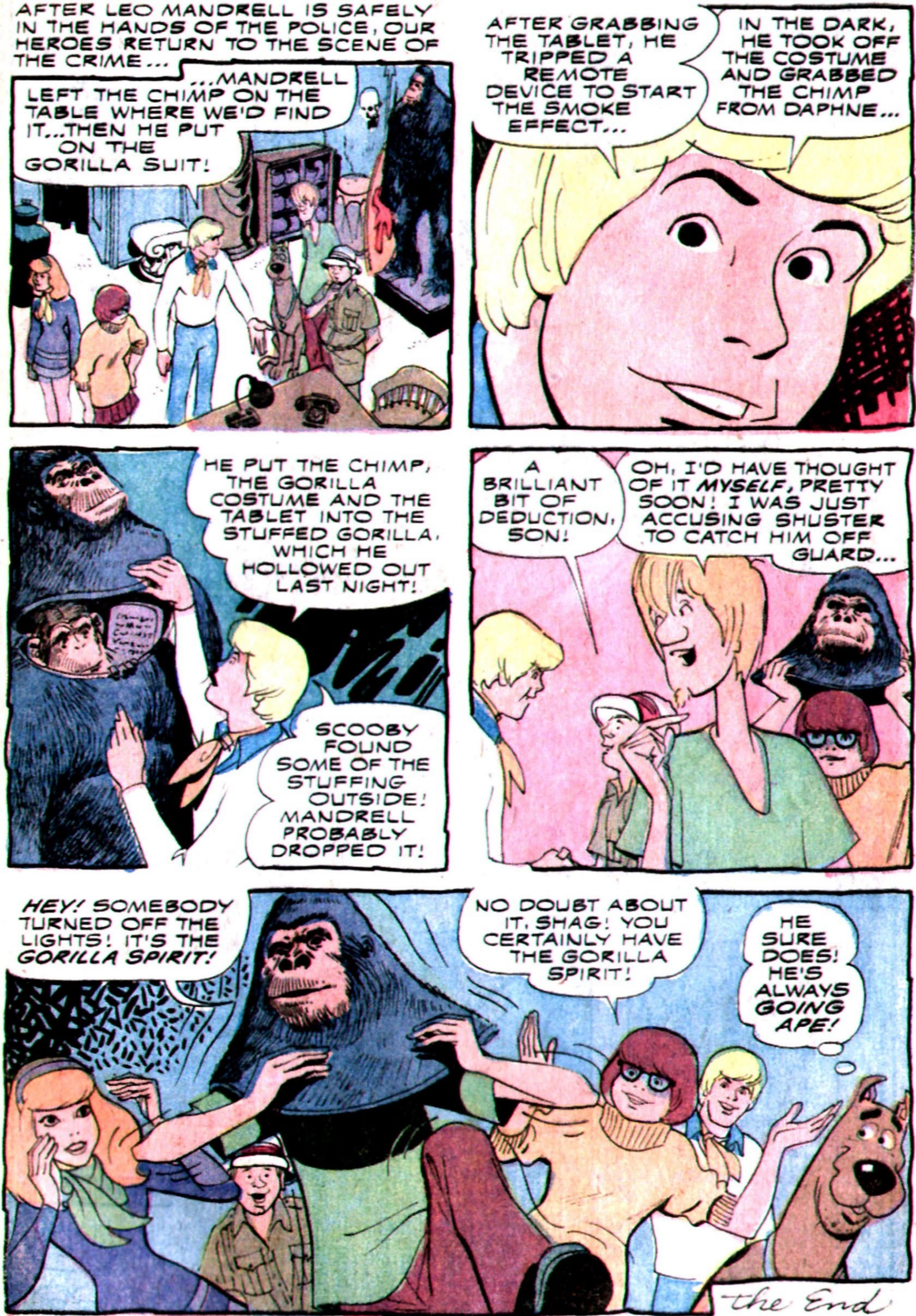

...I'LL DO THINGS MY WAY!
COME BACK HERE! YOU'LL SLIP! YOU'LL BREAK YOUR NECK!
AND EVERY-THING ELSE!


IT'S A LOOOONG WAY TO THE GROUND! THAT FIRST STEP IS A LU-LU!


WE'VE GOT TO CATCH HIM! CALL THE POLICE! CALL THE...
WE DON'T HAVE TO CALL ANYONE! THERE IS ONLY ONE OTHER OFFICE ON THIS FLOOR THAT HE CAN CLIMB INTO!

I'LL DUCK IN HERE AND THEN SLIP OUT THE BACK WAY, GO PICK UP THE TABLET AND HEAD FOR THE AIRPORT!


OH, NO... A DETECTIVE AGENCY!
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, MISTER, BUT I'LL ARREST ANYBODY WHO BREAKS IN MY OFFICE!
JENKINS DETECTIVE AGENCY


AFTER LEO MANDRELL IS SAFELY IN THE HANDS OF THE POLICE, OUR HEROES RETURN TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME...
...MANDRELL LEFT THE CHIMP ON THE TABLE WHERE WE'D FIND IT...THEN HE PUT ON THE GORILLA SUIT!
AFTER GRABBING THE TABLET, HE TRIPPED A REMOTE DEVICE TO START THE SMOKE EFFECT...
IN THE DARK, HE TOOK OFF THE COSTUME AND GRABBED THE CHIMP FROM DAPHNE...
HE PUT THE CHIMP, THE GORILLA COSTUME AND THE TABLET INTO THE STUFFED GORILLA, WHICH HE HOLLOWED OUT LAST NIGHT!
SCOOBY FOUND SOME OF THE STUFFING OUTSIDE! MANDRELL PROBABLY DROPPED IT!
A BRILLIANT BIT OF DEDUCTION, SON!
OH, I'D HAVE THOUGHT OF IT *MYSELF*, PRETTY SOON! I WAS JUST ACCUSING SHUSTER TO CATCH HIM OFF GUARD...
HEY! SOMEBODY TURNED OFF THE LIGHTS! IT'S THE *GORILLA SPIRIT!*
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, SHAG! YOU CERTAINLY HAVE THE GORILLA SPIRIT!
HE SURE DOES! HE'S ALWAYS *GOING APE!*
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